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Dear Parents/Carers,

Proposed closure of St John the Baptist Primary School, Felling

As you will be aware, Gateshead Local Authority are currently consulting on the closure of St John the Baptist RC Primary School in Felling. No decision on closure has yet been made. The decision to close the school or not will be finalised at the beginning of December 2010. However, the current proposal identifies a possible closure date of July 2011.

The Diocese are currently working to address the concerns of parents of children at St John's about where their children will continue their education if the school does close. Dr Harry O'Neill, the Diocesan Director of Schools, has had discussions with the governors at St Alban's Catholic Primary School about this issue. The governing body of St Alban's School have agreed that any child at St John's, Catholic or non-Catholic, will be guaranteed a place at St Alban's in the event of St John's closing. This would mean that St Alban's would receive extra funding to provide additional classrooms and staff for September 2011.

St Alban's parish is already clustered with St Patrick's parish in Felling. If St John's school closes, St Alban's School would become the primary school for both parishes from September 2011.

As you know, this year St Alban's School has been judged to be 'outstanding' in both the OFSTED and Section 48 Religious Education inspections. I would like to assure parents that any possible future changes will be managed in a very positive way to ensure the continuation of high quality education for our children.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D M Fox
Head Teacher



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