

The Fulham Bilingual



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Dear Families,

Re: Future arrangements for the Fulham Bilingual Partnership

We are writing to update you on the future arrangements for the Fulham Bilingual Partnership between Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, and to reassure families about the continued provision at the Clancarty Road site.

The Fulham Bilingual Partnership between Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle will end in July 2027, at the end of the 2026-2027 academic year.

Owing to changes in the legal and financial context since the provision was established, impacting chiefly the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, it is unfortunately no longer able to maintain the provision.

We know that this news will be significant for many families, and we want to reassure parents and carers that bilingual education will continue to be available at the Clancarty Road site. From September 2027, both Holy Cross and Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle will continue to operate from the site. Holy Cross will continue to offer a state-maintained bilingual pathway, while the Lycée will continue to offer their own bilingual and French language provision.

This means that both schools will remain at Clancarty Road, continuing to provide high-quality education for their pupils, while each follows its own established approach.

A feasibility study is currently being undertaken to inform the programme of works needed to support the separation of the two schools on the shared site. This will help ensure that future arrangements are carefully planned and that both schools are able to operate effectively, safely, and successfully from September 2027.

We understand how important clarity and certainty are for families. Both schools will provide further information by the end of September 2026, including more detail about the provision that will be available from September 2027. This will help parents and carers understand the options for the 2027-2028 academic year and support families in planning ahead.

During the 2026-2027 academic year, Holy Cross, the Lycée and the Council will continue to work closely together to ensure that all arrangements for the shared site are well managed. This will include careful planning around day-to-day operations, pupils' experience, safeguarding, and the practical steps needed to support a smooth and positive transition.

Both schools remain committed to maintaining strong and constructive working arrangements. We will continue to make the most of the benefits of our shared location, including looking for opportunities for pupils from both schools to connect, cooperate and benefit from shared experiences where appropriate.

In this way, we hope to preserve the positive spirit and learning developed through the Fulham Bilingual Partnership, even as both schools move forward with their own individual pathways.

A set of frequently asked questions will be shared with families before the end of term to provide further information and respond to the questions parents and carers are likely to have.

We appreciate that families may have questions, and we are committed to keeping you informed as plans develop. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together to ensure the best possible arrangements for pupils.

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