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Objet : New 50/50 bilingual stream run by the LFCG-Ecole Marie d'Orliac

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement of the end of our partnership with the English public school Belleville Wix Academy, we would like to provide you with information in response to the questions many of you have raised, and to reassure you about the educational organisation for the coming school year.

The decision to put an end to an historic partnership has not been easy to make. Nevertheless, the constant degradation of its functioning made it inevitable. From an educational as well as organisational point of view, the intricacy of two programs run by two distinct structures had become a burden, especially as every other AEFE school in London has developed its own bilingual stream - integrated, coordinated, and articulated in a way to offer pupils a higher level of education and cultural immersion. It was therefore no longer possible for a famous school like LFCG to offer a deteriorating version of this bilingual stream, drifting away from the current science in the field of education and from the AEFE's standards, that remain our compass.

The partnership's daily implementation had also slipped, leading to inequalities of treatment between pupils within the same classroom, which is not acceptable from a LFCG perspective. The lack of reaction from a partner no longer in tune led LFCG to make an in-deep assessment of the conditions to be met to provide an updated high level bilingual stream, in line with expectations from Paris and from our families.

These conditions have been sent to our partner at Fulham, where the same observations were made.

Nevertheless, our intention is neither to abandon bilingual education, nor to leave Fulham, where our presence has encouraged numerous families to invest.

We are therefore pleased to confirm that **a 50/50 bilingual programme will be fully maintained next year**, under the responsibility of LFCG. Students will continue to benefit from a structured and balanced programme in both French and English, fully aligned with the school's educational vision.

With regard to teaching staff, **the English part will be delivered by qualified and experienced English-speaking teachers, recruited by LFCG specifically for this bilingual stream. The French part will continue to be taught by the experienced French teachers currently in post**, ensuring continuity, stability, and consistency in learning, in a constant search for academic excellence.

As for the content of teaching during the English part, our approach is based on a **carefully considered balance**. Learning will meet required academic expectations while maintaining **a strong cultural openness towards our host country**. It is therefore not a simple translation of the French curriculum into English, but a coherent and demanding bilingual approach enriched by cultural context.

We also wish to reassure families on key pedagogical priorities:

- **the teaching of phonics will remain a core component** of the English programme, in line with recognised best practices in English-speaking education systems;
- in mathematics, **different pedagogical approaches will continue to coexist**, enabling students to develop strong, transferable skills within a bilingual learning environment.

This development forms part of a broader strategy to strengthen and further develop our educational project, with a continued focus on teaching quality, modernity, staff stability, and student success.

The teaching team and school leadership remain fully committed and available to answer any further questions you may have and we will be in touch with you very soon to provide you with further information and arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your continued trust.

Yours sincerely,

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