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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Proposed change to the MFL curriculum from September 2018

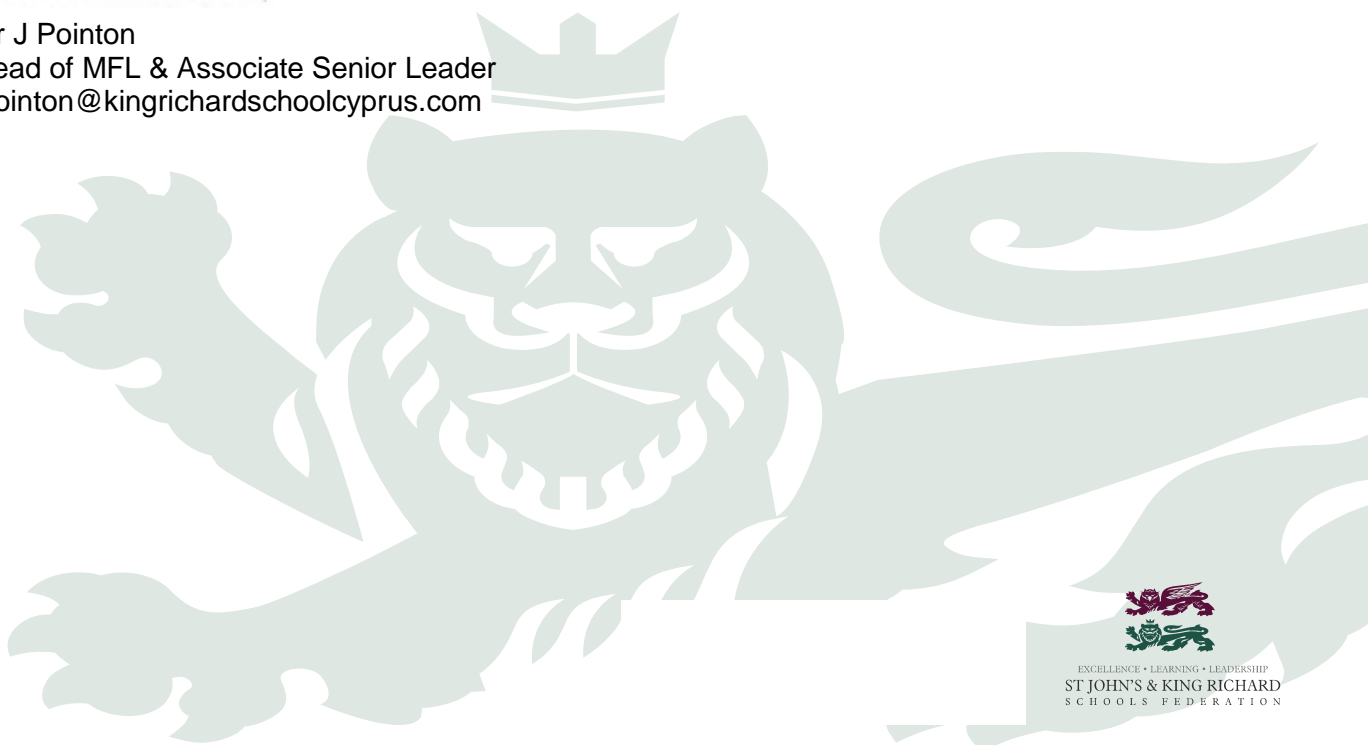
As you know, currently at KRS all KS3 pupils study French and German but statistics show that the most widely-taught foreign languages in UK secondary schools are French and Spanish. In fact, according to a BBC report this week, "Long-term trends suggest that Spanish is surging in popularity and is likely to overtake French as the main modern language taught in secondary schools, within a decade."

In order to ease transition for our pupils to and from the UK and due to a change in staffing at KRS next year, we are considering a change to the MFL curriculum. This would mean that pupils who are in Years 7, 8 & 9 in September 2018 would no longer study French and German; instead, they would learn French and Spanish, with a focus on preparing them for the GCSE and A-Level courses in these languages, for those who wish to study a language in Key Stages 4 and 5. Please note that the pupils who are currently in Years 9 & 10 and who have chosen to study German as one of their option subjects will still be able to complete the GCSE German course here at KRS.

If you would like to discuss this with me, please send me your preferred contact telephone number and I will get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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