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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce that last week the governing bodies of Laughton Community Primary School and Firle Church of England Primary School made the decision to formally federate.

The consultation period enabled feedback from parents and staff at both schools. We received 35 individual feedback forms from parents and staff. Feedback was very positive with many parents stating the benefits that were already being made to the schools. All comments were discussed and these will help us in forming future plans and provision.

This decision will mean that both schools will be able to continue their partnership and collaborative arrangements within a more formal arrangement and some of the temporary leadership arrangements can be embedded into a permanent structure.

Although we have now agreed to be one federation there is a number of organisational roles that now need to be addressed. One of the most important of these will be to form a new joint governing body for the two schools.

The current governing bodies will be disbanded over the coming months. Some governors have made the decision that they will not be continuing in their roles for the next academic year. It will be vital that we are able to elect new governors who are willing to give their time and have the skills that the governing body will need to continue and grow into the future. If you feel you would be interested in this role please respond to parent governor election letters that will be sent out in Term 5.

Another key role governors will need to decide is a name for the new federation. The individual schools will keep their own names but the federation itself needs a name. We feel this is a really important job and would like to ask parents and children their ideas and views on possible names. Further information about this will follow in Term 5 with any additional information raised from the working party.

Best wishes,

Head Teacher

Chair of Governors