



Elkesley Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Governors of Elkesley Primary & Nursery School would like to update you on the new direction for our school.

As you know, we were graded as 'Good' in our Ofsted Report dated February 2016 and within the feedback given it was noted that, 'Leadership was effective', particularly by the Head Teacher. It was also noted that leaders at all levels know the school inside out and miss nothing. In addition to this, inspectors commented that our role within the Tuxford Collaborative Partnership had helped make our school more effective. This was a report we are fiercely proud of.

Since then we have continued to move forward and of course we are continuing to look for ways to keep driving up standards. Recently Governors at Elkesley Primary & Nursery School have been in negotiation with Governors of Sutton on Trent Primary School to look at the possibility of forming a collaboration, with Mrs Lane as Executive Head over both sites.

After serious consideration the Governing body have agreed that this will be an exciting opportunity for all involved, and will help not only provide financial stability for our school as well as Sutton On Trent, but more importantly will continue to raise expectations and standards, through effective leadership and shared good working practices across both sites. The model of collaboration is one that is used by many schools and has been seen to have impact on raising standards.

This was formally agreed by Governors, of both schools, on Thursday 16 March 2017, and will be effective from 1 September 2017.

We do, of course, recognise that a change such as this can bring many questions. As part of forming this collaboration a number of key decisions will need to be taken. The Governing bodies of both schools are working together to define these decisions and timeline, ensuring a smooth transition. The timeline for this process and key decision points will be made available on the school website once it has been agreed.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Woodcock
Chair of Governors