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Dear Parent/Carer

Our consultation with parents and carers, staff, pupils and other interested parties on the proposal by the Governing Bodies at Victoria and Thomas Coram that the two schools form a Federation, has now come to an end.

We are pleased to inform you that, after considering all the feedback, the Governing Bodies separately voted last night and both approved the proposal. The Foundation Governors of Victoria and Thomas Coram Governing Bodies unanimously supported the proposal, and all governors agreed to adopt the constitution for a new, single Governing Body across both schools (this is still subject to formal approval from the Diocesan Board of Education and Herts County Council). Assuming this approval is given then our Federation, Castle Church of England Federation, will take effect from 16 April 2018.

We'd like to thank everyone who took time to provide feedback. We had 38 responses from parents, staff and the local community, and 87% supported forming a Federation. We also had positive comments from the information drop-in sessions, the dedicated staff meetings and at church services at St Peter's and Sunnyside, where presentations were given.

We are grateful to everybody who has played any part in this process. While a clear majority of those responding favoured Federation, we will take into account the comments and questions raised during the consultation as we start making the practical arrangements required before 16 April.

You can read an Executive Summary and the full report by the Joint Executive Committee (made up of Governors from each school and Mr Halls, our Executive Headteacher) at www.victoria.herts.sch.uk/our-school/our-collaboration.

From 16 April, a new single Governing Body will lead the Federation. Some existing governors have used this as a chance to stand aside, often after many years of service, and we are grateful for their efforts. Others are keen to remain involved and we know that the new Governing Body will benefit from their expertise. The new Governing Body will elect a Chair and other post-holders and early next term, elections will be held for two Parent Governors and one Staff Governor. Information about the elections will be issued at the end of this term.

This is an exciting time for our two schools. Our Federation is the next practical step in our vision of ensuring continued, high quality Church of England primary education in Berkhamsted, for the benefit of children and staff now and in the future. If you have any questions about the Federation, please leave your details with the school office so that Mr Halls can contact you. We look forward to sharing more news next term.

With very best wishes,
Yours sincerely

Jenny Jenkins
Chair of Governing Body

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