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Dear parent/carers

Welcome back for the summer term! Everyone at Victoria and Thomas Coram hopes you and your family had a lovely break.

We return from our holiday into the season of Easter – not just a time that puts the broken back together, but a time of total transformation – when the world is starting to wake up and come back to life.

Spring is a perfect season to be starting something new for our schools: our federation.

We have begun populating some of a new website [www.castlefederation.org](http://www.castlefederation.org) which will contain policies that apply to both schools in the federation, with each individual school website continuing to host those that apply only to them. The federation website also contains the Twitter feeds from our schools' individual accounts, as well as our new federation feed ([@CastleFed](https://twitter.com/CastleFed)). A federation Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CastleFed](https://www.facebook.com/CastleFed)) now joins those of our individual schools. (School specific news will continue to be posted on our individual school social media platforms.)

The main change, as we became a federation, is a new governing body to cover both our schools.

The nine foundation governors (those members who are appointed by the Diocese of St Albans' Board of Education or by the Parochial Church Councils of St Peter, Great Berkhamsted, and St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside) have been confirmed by their appointing body; the Local Authority governor has been appointed, along with our two Heads of School and me. We'll be introducing our governing body shortly. This means we are now looking to fill the staff- and parent-elected roles. You will have received a separate letter today about this process. Please reflect on the strengths, perspective and experience you could bring to our new federation governing body and consider whether you might nominate yourself as a candidate for election.

If you have any questions about the role of a governor or the nomination and election process, please don't hesitate to contact us and a governor or I will be in touch.

We all look forward to an exciting (and warm and bright!) summer term, full of learning and exciting opportunities.

Yours sincerely

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