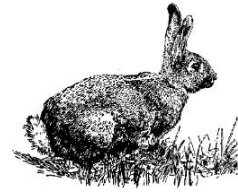




Harefield Infant School



Harefield Junior School

Dear All,

Consultation on the proposed Federation of Harefield Infant School and Harefield Junior School

Over the last 18 months, the Governing Bodies of Harefield Infant and Harefield Junior schools have been considering strategies to address the pressures that our schools are increasingly facing. After careful consideration, the Governing Bodies concluded that forming a federation was the best way forward in the interests of both schools. On 17th May 2018 both Governing Bodies voted to go to formal consultation with parents, staff and all other interested parties.

The consultation period will run from today 6th June 2018 until midnight on Wednesday 18th July 2018.

How would a federation work?

Federated schools retain their own budget, inspections and ratings but have the option to share resources to reduce costs and achieve benefits in terms of increased overall efficiency and effectiveness. Each school would have a Head of School reporting to an Executive Head Teacher providing oversight and strategic guidance to each school.

In place of two governing bodies, a single governing body would be formed composed as now with representatives from parents and staff of both schools, as well as a local authority governor and co-opted and associate governors. Together this group of people would take overall responsibility for both schools within the federation.

As the first part of this consultation process, attached to this letter is some paperwork for you to consider. You should have received a:

- Proposal document
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Feedback form

Hard copies of all of these are also available from the school office at each School. Alternatively if you wish to receive it in a different format please do not hesitate to contact either of the school offices.

Although this may seem like a lot of paperwork to get through, please do take the time to read the documents carefully as it is extremely important to both schools and governing bodies to get your views and comments about this potential change.

We would encourage you to respond by attending the open session on the 10th July 2018 at 7:00pm in the Junior School Hall and/ or by completing the feedback form. A box will be available in the Infant and Junior School reception area for all feedback forms or alternatively you can e-mail your views to us via info@harefieldinfants.co.uk

All responses must be received by midnight on the end of the consultation period

After that both Governing Bodies will meet again to make a final decision about whether to form a hard federation, and your views will form an important part of that decision.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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