



CHESTER PARK
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents, carers, staff and governors:

24th July 2018

Chester Park Federation

As you know the governing bodies of both Chester Park Infant and Chester Park Junior schools have recently been consulting on the proposal to federate. The only question that arose from parents/carers around this proposal was around clarification of terms and all other feedback was positive. Staff at both schools were assured that the federation would not lead to any change in terms and conditions of employment and that this was not a move towards becoming an Academy. As a result of this consultation, the governing bodies of both schools have voted in favour of federation and the Chester Park Federation will start on 1st September 2018.

You will remember from the consultation documents that this is designed to allow us to build and strengthen the links between the schools, with the opportunity to collaborate further – in short to enable a more ‘joined up’ approach. Both schools will continue to exist (this is not an amalgamation), with separate budgets, but with one Governing body. Appointments to the new federated governing body will be completed in September, when we will write to you again to let you know the names of the governors and who has been appointed as Chair of the new governing body.

It was decided to appoint one Head of the Federation, which would further assist this joined up approach. Following a robust selection process, supported by the local authority, Mike McNama was appointed as Head of the Federation on Friday 20th July, and will take up this position from 1st September 2018. There will also be one deputy in each school and one assistant head in each school. Now that Mr McNama has been appointed, the Senior Leadership Team will start planning in more detail how they are going to work together to ensure the federation is successful.

In terms of the everyday running and operation of both schools, there will be no change to current practice.

This is a very exciting time for the schools and will result in a better experience for all of the children.

The Governing bodies of both schools thank you for your support and contribution during this process, hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you all again in September.

Caroline Hopes, Chair of Infant School Governing Body

Sarah Howell, Chair of Junior School Governing Body

cc. Secretary of State for Education

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