



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are delighted to let you know that the Diocesan Board of Education has approved our proposed school federation with a slight change to the name, which is now: the *Thames Bridge Church of England Federation*. A copy of the approved Instrument of Government document will be posted on the Clifton Hampden and the Culham school websites. This has been a more complex process that we had anticipated, and was not helped by changes to legislation in September which delayed approval by another month. Due partly to these changes we have reduced the number of parent governors to two and the number of staff governors to one. However, in order to maintain the same total number of governors we have increased the number of co-opted governors to four. This change should make it easier to fill governor vacancies in the future, as the co-opted role is less prescriptive.

The composition of the new Governing Body is:

Headteacher: Lindsay Priddle
Staff Governor: Denise Wake
Parent Governor: Debbie Croft
Parent Governor: Andrew Davies
Local Authority Governor: Chris Mills
Foundation Governor: Sarah Pipe
Foundation Governor: Vacancy
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Co-opted Governor: Ed McConnell
Co-opted Governor: Sarah Whiting (Staff)
Co-opted Governor: Pat Nuttall
Co-opted Governor: Lisa Penton

In addition, Teresa Brooke, Andrew Churchill-Stone and Graham Nowell have kindly agreed to be Associate Governors so we do not lose their valuable knowledge and expertise.

Specific governor responsibilities, including the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, will be agreed at our next meeting in January. As governors, we will be working hard to bring Clifton Hampden and Culham schools closer together in the coming months and years so they share the best things from both schools. We want to help streamline operations of the Thames Bridge schools for the benefit of all.

There's lots to do to build our federation and we welcome any improvement suggestions from parents, staff and pupils. The governors would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff for their constant commitment, diligence and care, which will help to ensure the future success of our Federation.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Your sincerely

Pat Nuttall and Lisa Penton

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