



Nursery School



Duke Street Nursery School

25 January 2019

Dear Parents,

CONSULTATION ON FEDERATION OF CHORLEY LOCAL AUTHORITY MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOLS

The Governors of:

Highfield Nursery School and Duke Street Nursery School; propose to form a federation of the two schools with effect from 1st April 2019. The schools are currently working within a collaboration which is a soft federation.

The Consultation period: As set out in the DfE document 'The Governance of Federations' – August 2014 the formal consultation with all stakeholders will run for **6 weeks** starting on **28th January 2019** and closing on **18th March 2019**.

What is a Federation?

Federation is the formal term used when two or more schools work more closely together to achieve the best for their children.

In essence the main difference would be that all schools would have one shared senior leadership team. The two existing Boards of Governors would be merged to provide one Governing Board containing representatives from both schools.

Initially each school would retain its own identity, and its own budget. Each school and would be inspected separately by OFSTED. **Once federated governors will manage the federation to ensure the best possible outcomes for children.**

Admission arrangements would remain the same and children would be taught in their own school.

One of the key roles for both school Governing Bodies is to set the strategic direction for the schools they have responsibility for.

The current national drive to create a self-improving school system is based on the premise that clusters of schools would work with, learn from and support one another to develop localised solutions to the challenges they might face.

If questions or queries in respect of this matter should be emailed to the following address:

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All stakeholders are invited to comment on this proposal via the comments page on the attached document; to be returned to school by 9am on Monday 18th March 2019.

Yours sincerely

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