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in our Setting



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Dear Parents/Carers and our community,

The Governing Body of Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery believe there is a real benefit to cohesion in our community. There is a need for schools to seek solutions to maintain an excellent provision in the local community and build on success.

It is with this in mind that the Governing Bodies of Ashleigh and Robert Kett Schools have both voted to partner together with immediate effect, with the intention of proposing a Federation. This would provide the best possible education to local children, as it allows us to share expertise and resources whilst protecting the interests and identity of each school. As a shared and collaborative process, it puts our children and their education at its heart.

Our first step is in creating a Federation proposal, which sets out our shared vision. It will show how we think this could work and what it would mean for children, parents, staff and the local community.

The Federation proposal will be considered by governors the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, and will be made available to our communities by the end of that week. This will enable an effective consultation period for all members of the community. There will be open meetings held at both schools for parents and carers, at different times of the day after half term, to ensure every opportunity is provided for people to attend. The dates of these meeting will be shared after February half term.

We wish to stress that federation is considered by the governing boards as a way of securing the future of our schools – this is not a bid to merge or amalgamate the schools and that each school will continue to maintain their individual identities including uniform, individual Ofsted reports and finances.

We would ask that any immediate questions are emailed to the school office, where they will be collated and answered after half term. This information has only been shared with staff today, at the same time as yourselves, and therefore they are not in a position to answer any questions today.

Melissa Marfleet-Collins  
Chair of Governors  
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Ruth Royle  
Chair of Governors  
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