



7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Proposed federation of Netley Abbey Infant and Netley Abbey Junior Schools**

We would like to advise you that governors from both schools recently formed a joint working party to consider ways that our schools can work more closely together, in order to further enhance the educational provision we can provide to the children in our local community.

At a joint governing body meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, both governing bodies approved the working party recommendation to consult parents/carers and the local community on a proposal to create a federation of both schools with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The attached consultation document provides an outline of our proposals. The document also highlights some information to assist you, members of staff, and other interested parties in responding to the consultation process. It explains what a federation is and details the potential benefits it would offer both schools and the broader community.

We understand that you may wish to ask us questions about the proposal before responding. We are therefore planning on having two 'drop-in' sessions for you and members of the local community to attend, details of which are given in the consultation document. The aim of these sessions is to provide you with an opportunity to meet some of our governors on a one to one basis, or in small groups, to clarify your understanding of what a federation entails and how it could benefit our schools.

We would very much like to hear your views on our proposal, and we encourage you to take part in the consultation process. You may complete and return the response form at the end of the consultation document or write to either of us to let us know your views. Electronic responses can be sent by email to either school using the following addresses.

[consultation-response@netleyabbey-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:consultation-response@netleyabbey-inf.hants.sch.uk)

[consultation-response@netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:consultation-response@netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk)

The feedback from the consultation process will be reported to both governing bodies shortly after the closure of the consultation period on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. At this point we will then decide whether or not to proceed with

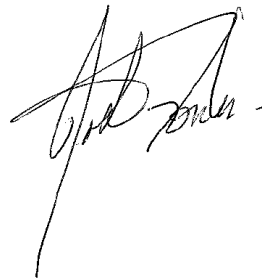
federation. When we have made our decision, this will be communicated to you, the staff, and all other interested parties as quickly as possible.

We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read the document and for responding to the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,



Rosie Nicol-Harper  
Chair of Governors  
Netley Abbey Infant School



John Forder  
Chair of Governors  
Netley Abbey Junior School