



Beckley & Peasmarsch Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past few months the Governors have kept you informed of discussions that the Governing Body have been having regarding the future of Beckley & Peasmarsch Federation of Schools.

Our research and deliberations have been led by the fact that there is a need for schools in the future to operate in more sustainable collaborative groups. Since the inception of the Federation in April 2016 we have worked very successfully as two schools, sharing resources, staff training, and executive leadership for example. However, it has become apparent that larger collaborations of schools are needed for small schools such as ours to remain sustainable in the future by sharing of costs, the training of staff and resources.

As you know, the Governing Body have met with three diocesan Multi Academy Trusts to explore our future options as well as the Diocese and the Local Authority. We have given over a considerable amount of time to this endeavour to ensure that we make the best decision.

At a meeting of the Full Governing Body on the 28th September the decision was taken to pause proceedings for this academic year regarding academisation. This is because we believe local school hubs (Rye and Rother Education Improvement Partnerships) are beginning to support each other more effectively than in the past. As governors we want to see how effectively this local support network develops and helps our two schools to continue to improve and progress over the next year before we make any further decisions.

I would also like to take this chance to let you know that we are all delighted that two new governors joined us last evening. Norma Turner will be leading on SEN governance with Marie Claire Erith and Deborah Ongley will lead on Health & Safety Governance with Alan Lloyd Smith. A full list of governors is on each school's web site.

As ever, if anyone would like to raise anything with me, please use the Chair of Governors e-mail address:- chair@beckleypeasmarschschooldederation.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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