



## School Federation Proposal

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that the Governing Bodies of both Crowlands Primary School and Newtons Primary School are currently considering a proposal to federate the governing bodies of the schools.

In order to give this proposal proper scrutiny and consideration we have formed a Joint Committee – with an equal number of Governors from each school – to explore the potential of this Federation.

A federation is a governance structure which provides a firm but flexible basis for closer school to school partnership working. It enables schools to share resources, best practice, facilities and expertise. Schools in a federation retain separate identities, continue to receive full individual budgets and retain existing admission arrangements. They do, however, have a single governing body and can therefore make strategic and budgetary decisions in the interests of both schools, as well as target priority areas.

We are at the preliminary stage of the process. In the event that it does move to the next stage the views of all stakeholders (parents, staff, the Department for Education and Governors) would be heard as part of a formal consultation period which would last for six weeks. You will be notified of the outcomes of the decisions taken by both governing bodies later this term.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Lamb  
Crowlands Primary School  
Chair of Governors

Linda Mills  
Newtons Primary School  
Chair of Governors