

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that Garland Junior School and Mrs Bland's Infant School are in the process of investigating federation. Although in the preliminary stages, we feel it is important to inform you at the earliest point. The establishment and membership of a federation means that the governors and school leaders commit to improving the outcomes and life chances for all children across the federation, as opposed to just a single school.

The two schools have always shared a close link, which was recently renewed following the disruption from the pandemic. Over recent months it has become clear that the schools, and ultimately the children, could benefit from working even closer together in future. These benefits may include financial efficiencies, increased opportunities for pupils and staff and improved continuity across the schools. As part of this, a working party consisting of governors and the headteachers of both schools are looking at the options including federating the schools and governing boards.

If a federation is proposed, the process will take approximately six months and will include a six-week consultation period with parents and the community. Any information will be shared in a formal proposal before a decision is made.

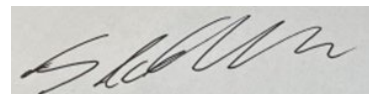
We will keep you informed throughout the process and invite any enquiries at this stage. If you would like to read about federation a comprehensive guide can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-in-federations/federations-guidance-on-the-governance-processes>

Kind regards,



Mr C Rowlands
Chair of Governors
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