

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, since July 2020, Tutshill and Woolaston Primary Schools have shared an Executive Headteacher through a partnership agreement. In this time, both schools have found real advantages to working together. As such, the Governing Boards have in recent months explored the possibility of turning this relationship into something more formal and sustainable. As such, the Governing Boards have jointly agreed to launch a consultation event with all stakeholders, including parents, carers, staff and pupils, around forming a federation. We propose calling this 'Forest Edge Federation'.

The attached consultation explains what would change, (mainly the two Governing Boards would be merged into one, and there would be greater opportunities for staff and pupils to work and learn together), what would stay the same, (including uniform, school names, separate budgets, and separate visions and ethos) and the impact on pupils, staff and the local community.

Both Governing Boards accept this is a big step for our school community, but consider it would bring real benefits to everyone involved in our Schools. The consultation closes on the 30th March and there are events scheduled on 1st and 9th March where parents and carers will also be available to answer questions. Details of these, and how to ask questions if you cannot attend, are contained in the consultation pack.

It is key you make your voice heard - there is a questionnaire at the back of the survey and available online - please read the consultation, ask any questions you might have, and send in your thoughts before the end of March.

Governing Boards agree this presents a real opportunity to take each school onto the next stage of its journey and to continue to deliver high quality education and outcomes. We look forward to hearing your comments regarding this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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