

19th February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

We are really sorry for the uncertainty, anxiety and upset this last two weeks has caused to parents/carers from both of our schools and all of our staff across the federation.

The governors met on Friday to consider the proposal for Ilfracombe Infants to leave the federation. We read every submission from parents, staff and other interested parties. The governing body voted to keep the federation together as we were concerned that if we walked away, the negative impact on school improvement would be significant.

Three main themes were raised in the consultation:

1. School performance at Ilfracombe Infants

We are proud that standards have risen year on year since federating and the current age related attainment of children is above the national average. The gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children has narrowed significantly

2. Leadership structure at Ilfracombe Infants

We have worked hard at developing the positions of the three Assistant Headteachers and will ensure the importance of these critical roles is clear to all

3. Representation of Ilfracombe based governors on the governing body

Governors are aware that they had no applications from Ilfracombe based parents in the recent elections and as vacancies arise, we will make every effort to seek the appropriate person from the Ilfracombe community, with the required skills and commitment to the federation.

The governing body is committed to build upon our vision to allow every child at both schools to become the best that they can be.

Nadine Sampson

Chair of Governors

Goodleigh C of E Primary and Ilfracombe Infant and Nursery School Federation