

Togetherness Inspires Growth

24th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Long Marston CE Primary School and the TIG (Togetherness Inspires Growth) Federation, representing Kirk Hammerton CE Primary and Staveley Community Primary Schools, have been working collaboratively together since our return from the Easter Break. As this partnership arrangement is only in place for the summer term, school governors have been looking at ways for extending and developing this relationship.

We are delighted to inform you that a proposal has been developed for Long Marston CE Primary School to join the TIG Federation under the leadership of Elisabeth Mellor as Executive Headteacher. This proposal has been developed in consultation with Diocesan and Local Authority stakeholders. A key aim is to foster new friendships and ways of working between the schools in order to strengthen their long-term sustainability and create new, exciting learning opportunities for pupils. The vision of Long Marston is that **'We value everyone as individuals and grow together as a family'**. Governors recognise that this is a good fit with the TIG vision of **'Together we grow a nurturing community of inspirational learning, insight and wisdom, flourishing in an environment where we feel safe and valued.'**

The Federation model will be very similar in structure to the model you and your children are currently experiencing this summer term. The Senior Leadership Team, the staffing, and the curriculum will be developed and refined in order to meet the needs of the pupils and staff, whilst retaining the individual ethos of each of the three schools. Full details of the proposal are posted on the school websites. A copy of the Federation Proposal Pack is also provided alongside this letter. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact your school Office Manager who will be pleased to supply you with one.

Publication of the Federation Proposal now starts a six-week period of formal public consultation. Please do take time to review the document and share your thoughts and responses with your respective governing bodies. Your feedback is important and valued. To facilitate consultation, information meetings will be held (virtually) for parents, carers and staff to attend. Written responses can also be submitted by post or email to the relevant school. Please refer to the Federation Proposal Pack for further details on submitting feedback.

The timescale of the Federation process means that if the majority of stakeholders agree to the Federation Proposal, it will be implemented in November 2021. Should the Federation proceed, we hope that by working together, the school communities will experience a seamless transition, enabling the family of TIG to develop and grow.

With very best wishes,

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