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Dear Parents,

We want to take this early opportunity to advise you of important discussions currently underway between Burley and Sopley schools.

Shortly before Christmas a joint meeting was held between the full governing bodies of Sopley and Burley schools and Hampshire Governor Services to discuss how we might further the already good educational status of both schools whilst ensuring their individual character and sustainability in the long term.

These discussions highlighted sufficient opportunities, such as Federating the two schools, as to warrant a more detailed consideration of our options. Consequently a joint working party has been established to look into the various ways the two schools might better work together for the benefit of your children.

The first meeting of this working group was held on Monday and further meetings are planned over the next two weeks. At the end of this process both governing bodies will meet to consider the findings of the working party. There will be two possible outcomes from this meeting, one is that the working party could find no substantive reasons to continue these discussions and they will stop. The other is that there are benefits in continuing with this review.

If the latter option is the outcome then both governing bodies would enter into a more formalised and controlled review process which will take into account the views of all interested parties before any final decisions are made that would affect either school.

This statutory process will ensure that any interested party can express their views to the governing bodies before any decisions are made.

At this very early stage there is nothing more to report beyond the fact that these discussions are on-going. However if you have any initial questions please direct them through the signatories of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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