



## **Consultation on the proposal to form a governance federation of Burley and Sopley Primary Schools**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents/carers, staff and other stakeholders,

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 as to warrant a more detailed consideration by a joint working party. At a Joint Governing Body meeting on 8.2.16 both governing bodies approved the Working Party recommendation to consult parents, members of staff, the local community and other interested parties on a proposal to create a governance federation of Burley and Sopley Primary Schools with effect from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

The attached consultation document provides an outline of our proposal along with information about what a federation is and the benefits it could offer our children.

We understand that you may wish to ask us questions. We have organised 'drop-in' sessions where you will have an opportunity to meet some of our governors and find out more about federation. Governors from each school will be at both sessions and you are welcome to come along to either school.

We would like to know your views on our proposal - you may complete and return the response form at the end of the consultation document or write to either of us. We will also be listening to your views at the 'drop in' sessions.

The outcome of the consultation process will be reported to both governing bodies shortly after the closure of the consultation period at mid-day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. During the week of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 we will consider the responses to the consultation before a decision is made as to whether or not to federate. When we have made our decision, this will be communicated to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read the document and responding to the consultation process.

Yours faithfully

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