



Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the governors of the Exe Valley Federation and Whimble School met to consider the proposal to federate. Both governing bodies received the due diligence report and consultation feedback prior to the meeting and feedback received on the day of the meeting was also discussed in detail. Governors received a wide range of questions from stakeholders, including parents, and these were carefully considered in the meeting. Feedback from staff was very positive about the proposed federation and a total of five stakeholders attended one or more of the consultation meetings.

Separate meetings of both governing boards were held to allow further discussion and a vote taken on the proposal. Each governing board voted unanimously in favour of proceeding with the proposal for Whimble Primary School to federate with the Exe Valley Federation on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

We hope this will be an exciting new phase of collaborative working between the seven schools and we would like to assure you that the learning and well-being of the children of all the schools will continue to be at the heart of everything that we do.

We would like to thank you all for your participation during the consultation period. The due diligence and consultation document is available on request from Cheriton Fitzpaine or Whimble school offices.

Yours sincerely,

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