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To All Parents/Carers, Staff and Stakeholders of Merebrook Infant School and Emerson Valley School

Dear All,

Federation of Merebrook Infant School and Emerson Valley School

Following the closure of the consultation on the proposal to form a hard federation between Merebrook Infant School and Emerson Valley School, the Board of Governors of each school has carefully considered the feedback from parents, staff and wider stakeholders.

We thank you all for your valuable input and the time you have taken to comment on the proposal, meet with us and speak to us regarding it.

Decision of the Governors

Following careful review and deliberation, we are pleased to inform you that each Governing Board has taken the decision to enter into the Hard Federation together.

The federation will be established at the end of the summer term when the current Governing Boards will be dissolved and a single federation Governing Board will be constituted. From September 2017, Mrs Sohelia Mathison will be the Executive Head of both Merebrook Infant School and Emerson Valley School and the new Governing Board will be responsible for both schools.

The federation name will be 'Mere Valley Federation' but the name and legal identity of each school will not change.

We have prepared a FAQ sheet regarding the new structure and also to address the questions raised through the consultation.

Constitution of the Board

It has been decided that the overall constitution of the Federation Governing Board will be as follows:

- 1 Head Teacher;
- 1 LA governor nominated by Milton Keynes Council;
- 1 parent governor from Merebrook, elected by parents/carers;
- 1 parent governor from EVS, elected by parents/carers;
- 1 staff governor from either school, elected by staff across both schools;



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- 1 co-opted staff governor appointed by the Federation Governing Board and employed at the school from which the elected staff governor is not a member of staff;
- 8 co-opted governors from a range of backgrounds with differing expertise.

Elections for the parent governors and staff governor will take place before the end of this term, with the successful candidate being appointed on 21st July 2017, in readiness for the new school year.

A letter about how to stand for election is being distributed to parents/carers and staff.

Moving forward

If you would like to discuss the new federation and the impact that this may have on you please contact either any of the governors on either Governing Board or Mrs Mathison at Emerson Valley School.

We are enthusiastic about the positive changes and exciting opportunities for both schools, and their pupils, afforded by joint working of this type, and are confident that Mrs Mathison and the new Governing Board will continue to build on the excellent work that both schools have made in improving standards, and opportunities and outcomes for children.

Yours faithfully

David Fisher
Chair of Governors
Merebrook Infant School

Lynne Smith
Chair of Governors
Emerson Valley School