



# Meadow Wood School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Meadow Wood School,

Please find below the summary of the Federation Consultation feedback. Given comments are in brackets. Those people who asked for additional information either attended consultation meetings or didn't provide a name to contact for the answers. Additional questions were around the impact on leadership and staff mobility, positives and negatives of the Federation and the timescale of the process. Please look at 'Frequently Asked Questions' on Breakspeare School's website.

#### **Meadow Wood staff**

- 8 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation
- 0 do not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 0 would have liked additional information before making a decision

#### **Breakspeare staff**

- 24 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation (advantages to the students, staff and parents, the two schools can move forward together with a shared vision for the children, a good opportunity to share expertise and resources)
- 1 does not support the recommendation to form a Federation (possible negative effect on management of the school)
- 1 would have liked additional information before making a decision

#### **Meadow Wood parent / carer**

- 7 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation
- 1 does not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 1 would have liked additional information before making a decision

#### **Breakspeare parent / carer**

- 13 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation (give both schools a stronger voice, staff skill development, maximise use of funds and facilities, leadership structure)
- 2 do not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 2 would have liked additional information before making a decision

This overall positive feedback provides important information for both governing bodies for their final decision making about the next steps of the federation initiative. The Federation Collaboration Committee (FCC) that has representatives from both governing bodies, has met several times. Currently the FCC is focusing on preparing the leadership of the Federation, confirming arrangements for the Federation governing body selections and ratifying the timescale of the next steps.

If it is decided that the Federation will go ahead there will be an opportunity to participate in making a decision about the name of the Federation using the SurveyMonkey online voting system. The FC would welcome ideas about suitable name for the federation. Please contact Chairs of Governing Boards Mr Michael Wheeler ([wheelervobes@gmail.com](mailto:wheelervobes@gmail.com)) or Mrs Vanessa Robinson ([kvknosnibor@gmail.com](mailto:kvknosnibor@gmail.com)) or myself to make any suggestions.

**8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm at Breakspeare School** there will be a meeting for the parents and staff about the next steps of the Federation process. Please write this date into your calendars.



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I am happy to inform you that Croxley Green Fly Fishers have donated £900 for Breakspeare and Meadow Wood Schools to organize a workshop or event that brings all students together. This event will be organised during the summer term.

A kind reminder

- The 'cut-off date' for ordering school photos is 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. Please return an order form to school before that or complete your order online. Thank you!

On behalf of Caroline Day-Lewis and myself I would like to share with you how much we have enjoyed learning to know your child and the school life at Meadow Wood School. We appreciate your patience and kindness when we have made contact with you concerning various different things either face to face, on the phone or via letters. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about your child's school days. We want to do our utmost to further develop the quality of school life for all of our students and therefore your feedback is really important to us.

I wish all and everyone happy holidays!

Kind regards,

Merja

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