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Dear Parents and Carers of The Sunflower Federation,

Thank you all for your continued support during this last academic year. Our transition to establish The Sunflower Federation has been successful and we are looking forward to working collaboratively between both schools.

The Sunflower Federation has already had their first full governing board meeting. It was a pleasure and privilege to witness the level of commitment and enthusiasm of all members for our school community. You will find information of our new governing board from both schools' websites.

Please find attached information about the recent parents' survey that was organized via Survey Monkey. The vast majority of parents and carers who answered this survey either strongly agreed or agreed with the given statements. This indicates that the vast majority of the families are happy with the provision; care and education that is provided for their child at Breakspeare and Meadow Wood Schools.

In an open question we asked what is working really well for your child. The parents at Breakspeare said; communication, rewards, structure, staff and horse riding. The parents at Meadow Wood said; 'everything', eye gaze, communication, swimming and the style of teaching.

We also asked in another open question what would make our schools even better. The parents at Breakspeare said; group discussions with parents, parents support, communication, treat for the staff and more feedback. The parents at Meadow Wood said; more parents' evenings, social activities and to send information earlier.

Thank you for your valued feedback. We are planning to further develop our ways to work in partnership with you by organising more parents' workshops, parents evenings and group discussions at both schools; some of these events will be open for parents from both schools and some more school specific.

You have recently received class lists with the staff and students in your child's class. Please note that some changes might still occur due to unforeseeable circumstances. From Breakspeare School Francesca Fernandes is making a career change to a mainstream setting. We wish her all the best in her new school.

As a final note I would like to say how pleasing it was to experience our first Sunflower Federation Celebration at Breakspeare School. Although the weather wasn't perfect the atmosphere and celebratory spirit was. Students and parents were able to share lively entertainment and it provided a springboard for our future gatherings. I was extremely happy to meet so many of you last Tuesday.

I wish you all a very happy, sunny and relaxing holiday,

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