



Consultation on Proposal to Federate Wood Farm Primary School and Slade Nursery School

Wood Farm Primary School governors and Slade Nursery School* governors have resolved to federate from 1st September 2016.

Why is this being proposed?

As two federated schools, each would retain their individuality, but there would be a single governing body. As federated schools, there would be opportunities for working more efficiently and effectively – particularly as the schools share the same site and building. This would build on the joint work around safeguarding, family support, and support to children with SEN which is already in place.

The benefits of this approach include being able to offer continuous, streamlined provision to children from birth to the age of eleven, which meets the needs of the children and families in the area. It will also help ensure the sustainability of the existing provision, and provide opportunities for exciting new developments.

Each school would retain its own individual admissions procedures, budgets and Ofsted inspection arrangements. Both would keep their own ethos whilst gaining from being part of a supportive and vibrant community with many more opportunities.

What changes would this mean?

There are no planned redundancies as part of the process of federation, but there will be changes to internal staffing structures. There will be one Head Teacher across the federated schools and a highly skilled and experienced Head of Early Years would be appointed across the Foundation Stage. This would ensure the continuing high quality of the offer for the youngest children, and allow the Headteacher to continue to focus on developing Wood Farm Primary School.

The proposed size of the Governing Body will be 20 as at present, and the admissions authority will remain Oxfordshire County Council.

How to respond to this consultation

Responses may be made to this consultation until 26th February 2016. You can use the online feedback form by clicking on this consultation on the Oxfordshire County Council website at <http://myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

You can send an email to diane.cameron@oxfordshire.gov.uk, putting WOOD FARM SLADE in the subject line.

Alternatively, you can write c/o the Headteachers at Wood Farm Primary School or Slade Nursery School, Titup Hall Drive, Oxford OX3 8QQ.

** Incorporating the Nursery School, Day Nursery and Children's Centre.*