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Imminent Public Consultation into the proposed Amalgamation of College House Junior School and Meadow Lane Infant School

Over the last 18 months the governors of College House Junior School and Meadow Lane Infant School have been addressing the increased demand for school places in our area. This, coupled with Mark North moving on to a new headship, led to discussions about alternative governance structures that could potentially improve the educational pathway and experience for our children across both Key stage 1 and 2.

These discussions initially resulted in the collaboration between the two schools, with Jo Revill as the Executive Head. In addition to establishing the collaboration, the Joint Executive Committee (JEC) was tasked with undertaking a feasibility study with the remit to recommend the best long term governance structure for both schools.

These options included:

1. Reverting to two separate schools.
2. Continuing the Collaboration
3. Federation
4. Amalgamation

The goal was to find a financially sound governance and operational model that would ultimately facilitate three classes of thirty children, in each year, moving seamlessly through both Key stage 1 and 2 across both sites.

Having conducted the feasibility study, the JEC recommended to both governing bodies that amalgamating was the best way forward for both schools. Both governing bodies seriously considered this and independently agreed to accept the recommendation.

Therefore, both chairs of governors have independently submitted a formal request, to the local authority, to conduct a public consultation into the potential amalgamation of College House Junior School and Meadow Lane Infant School to come into effect in September 2017. Based on the results of the public consultation, the governing bodies will make their final decision whether or not to ultimately proceed.

You will shortly be receiving information from the Local Authority regarding the imminent public consultation. We would encourage you to engage and use this as an opportunity to understand in detail the process and implications, ask questions and make your views known. It is vital that as a community we take this opportunity to shape the future educational pathway of our children and those who will attend in the future.

Yours sincerely

Andy Barker – Chair of Governors Meadow Lane Infant School

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