



Friday 27 May 2022

Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils,

You will be aware that Brett is sadly leaving us at the end of this term after 17 years leading our schools.

It is difficult to do justice to the enormous contribution Brett has made to school life at our Federation but we know how tirelessly he has worked to ensure that each and every child in our schools is cared for. He has been committed to providing an education that not only meets pupils needs but, where possible, is tailored to their own learning journey.

He has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on our schools, the local communities of which they're part, and the lives of the many hundreds of children who have been educated with us over the last 17 years. I know that he will be missed by pupils, parents, staff and governors alike and we are sure you will join us in wishing him every success for the future.

The governing body has now started work to find a leader who also recognises the individual and specific characteristics of each of our schools, and who recognises that what makes these schools so special is the staff, the children and the local community.

We have three fantastic, vibrant and diverse schools and we want to find a leader who understands and respects this diversity but who can also harness the power of cooperation between our schools and increase collaboration between staff and pupils at each.

Our Federation can build on the strong foundation that Brett has created and continue to improve standards and outcomes for our children by being greater than the sum of our parts.

Due to the timing of events, it will not be possible for an existing headteacher to take on the leadership of our schools before January 2023. In the interim we are working with our 4 excellent and experienced Assistant Headteachers to provide continuation of leadership so that we provide stability for pupils and staff.

They will take on most of the leadership role in the Autumn term, but we are also looking for an interim Executive Head who will provide them with support and strategic leadership before a new permanent Headteacher is in post in 2023.

We will keep you updated on our journey towards recruiting a new permanent Headteacher, as well as any interim appointment that we make to support our school leadership in Autumn 2022. In the meantime, we would like to thank you for the continued support you give to your amazing children and our incredible staff across our Federation.

Should you wish to contact any member of the governing body to discuss this, or any other matter concerning our Federation then the full list of governors can be found here:

http://equalpartnership.co.uk/federation_governors.html

Best wishes,

Chris Fordham & John Henry

Co-Chairs of the Federation Governing Body