



Bournville Junior & Infant Schools

*Voluntary Aided non-denominational schools
Founded 1906 and 1910*

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Dear Parents / Carers

The Governing Boards of Bournville Infant and Bournville Junior Schools (BIS and BJS) continue to look for new ways to deliver the best results for the education and welfare of your children. With an eye on increasing efficiency, we are exploring the benefits of federating the two Governing Boards into one. Importantly, combining the two Boards will not affect the time, resources and effort that we dedicate to improving both schools.

When I became a governor of BIS and BJS twenty years ago, the schools had a single united Governing Board. A number of years ago, Government legislation changed, forcing the Board to become two; one for each school. It is important to note that the Governing Boards of both schools already share the same 9 Foundation Governors appointed by the Bournville Village Trust. We hold joint Governing Board meetings, but with separate sets of minutes and policies. Legislation has since changed again, as has the role of governance, and the two Governing Boards are now considering re-federating into one. The schools would importantly keep their own separate identities, Headteachers, staff, budgets and admission arrangements. The federated Governing Board would have fewer governors and have a focus on more streamlined procedures and a closer co-operation between the two schools, while keeping at the heart of everything they do a consideration for the education and wellbeing of your children.

An extraordinary meeting of the two Governing Boards is to be held on 2nd March where, if the vote on federation is passed by the Governing Boards, a formal consultation period of six weeks will begin. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to leave a note at either school addressed to myself, or email clerktogov@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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