



Barton Primary School

**CONSULTATION OUTCOME OF THE
PROPOSED FEDERATION OF
BARTON AND GODSHILL PRIMARY
SCHOOLS**



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Boards of Barton and Godshill Schools, following the end of the consultation process, are pleased to announce that the proposal to federate the two schools was passed unanimously.

At the start of the consultation period, there were 282 pupils at Barton and 193 pupils at Godshill. Considering this, parental responses to the survey equated to 1% for Barton and 2% for Godshill. The staff feedback for the 44 staff at Barton and 33 at Godshill, equated to 2% and 3% respectively. Whilst these numbers suggested that the majority of parents and staff across both schools have no strong views against the schools federating, Governors carefully considered all responses received. The key concerns expressed were around:

- Parents/Carers, whilst broadly supportive, were concerned at the strain and workload on the staff of both schools, who will be asked to do more.
- Concerns from one parent at the availability of the Executive Headteacher across both schools.

Governors have noted the above concerns and believe that neither of these will be issues moving forward. There will be Heads of School in both schools, working closely with the Executive Headteacher in delivering strong leadership and ensuring behaviour issues are promptly and robustly addressed. Leaders will also work to ensure that staff workloads are appropriate and manageable, and that all staff continue to have access to mental health support services.

Governors believe that there are substantial benefits from the federation agreement, that will support continuing improvement. Both schools will retain their individual community identities and operate as they always have; the only change will be to the make-up and structure of the schools' individual Governing Boards.

On 2nd June 2025, the two Governing Boards will become one legally formed Federated Governing Board. To allow this to happen, all existing Governors have been asked if they would like to apply to become a Federation Governor.

Elections will be held for two Parent Governors and one Staff Governor during the summer term and existing Parent and Staff Governors will be able to stand for re-election. Governors would be pleased to hear from anyone who may have an interest in becoming a Parent or Staff Governor of the Federation.

We would like to thank all of you for your comments, suggestions and the support you have given us throughout the consultation process. We are delighted by the level of trust and confidence you've shown in us as Governing Boards and in the proposed arrangements.

There is now a considerable amount of planning and discussion required before the federation date. The immediate priorities of the Governing Boards are:

- A single Federated Governing Board will be legally formed and come into effect from 2nd June 2025.
- The recruitment and appointment of an Executive Headteacher for the Federation, with an intended start date of 2nd June 2025.
- Maintain clear communication with all parents/carers and staff to keep you all informed of relevant news.

Thank you all very much for your time.

Kind regards.

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Chair of Governors
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Mrs Diane Barker
Chair of Governors
Godshill Primary School