



## Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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*'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'*

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents,

Please see the message below from our governors involved with the collaboration/federation committee:

### ***Thundridge and Tonwell Schools– Communities working together***

#### Update from the Collaboration/Federation Committee

We are pleased to report back that we have been meeting and are working hard to understand how our two schools can come together to benefit our communities. We are looking at a range of options to share resources (including staffing) to ensure good long investments for our schools and security for the future.

#### ***What are school federations?***

Schools will federate or 'come together' for a number of reasons;

- Schools pooling resources and expertise, leading to financial sustainability and educational benefits.
- Improved staffing, as larger schools are more able to attract and retain high-quality teachers and leaders.
- Improved governance – sharing a board and reducing the need for constant recruitment.
- Improvements in teaching and learning, behaviour and achievement, sharing workloads with staff.
- A broader and richer curriculum – more staff sharing responsibilities across two schools, greater opportunities.
- Shared opportunities with learning environments – sports field, forest school.
- The schools will remain unique, benefitting from the smaller 'family' environment, but also being able to link in with a larger school community to our best advantage.

You are welcome to contact the Headteacher to discuss more fully if you have any queries, or do email the Chair of the Collaborative Committee [kathy.dunnett@hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:kathy.dunnett@hertsforlearning.co.uk).

There will be opportunities this autumn for parent meetings, in order that any questions can be asked about our plans for the future and any worries allayed. Our first meeting will be part of the Parent Forum at 8.50am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. All information discussed will be sent out to all parents. If you are unable to attend but have a question, please email [head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) or speak to Mrs Bridgman.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman