

Thundridge & Tonwell Frequently asked Questions

1. A broader richer curriculum? In which areas are you thinking?

Answer: At the moment Tonwell and Thundridge are just beginning to collaborate and work together, exploring those opportunities together. We will be keeping everyone in touch with our thinking as the year progresses.

2. Which lessons do you foresee the schools mixing for?

Answer: As we have only just begun to work together it is too soon to say whether any lessons will be 'mixing'. What is more likely in the early stage is that the extracurricular opportunities will be greater. Such as – inspirational speakers, special workshops...

3. Will there be movement of lessons between each school?

Answer: If this means moving children between schools, no, there are no plans to do this currently. However, we do have different resources that we might want to share further into the collaboration and should we federate. E.g Forest School and a sports field.

4. Will some class sizes grow? And how often?

Answer: There is no place to change the class structures at this time.

5. How will the senior management team be structured across both schools? Will this stay the same? Re shared responsibility.

Answer: Currently the only plan we have in place is for there to be an Executive Headteacher across both schools. This is a normal arrangement for federated schools. There is a Deputy in both schools.

6. How will the teachers share work?

Answer: Currently because our schools are small and our staff teams are small, they have having to take on sometimes 3 or 4 subject leadership roles. With more staff across both schools there are opportunities to share this workload where appropriate. A broader and richer curriculum can also derive from two or more teachers in both schools pooling good practice and wider thinking around the topic.

7. Governance and board will this grow and amalgamate?

Answer: There will be one governing board for both schools.

8. Is this a response to the recent other village school consultations in Herts area?

Answer: No