



5th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors of Woolsery, Parkham and Buckland Brewer Primary Schools would like to share some exciting news with you.

After extensive discussion and investigations over the last two terms, the Governors have decided that it would be highly beneficial for the three schools to work together in an arrangement called a *Management Partnership*. This new arrangement will commence in September 2021.

The aims of this new Partnership will be:

- To provide a range of wider opportunities for children in terms of visits, curriculum experiences and inter-school events.
- To improve teaching and learning and raise standards so that sustained pupil progress is secured at all schools, through a well articulated and planned broad and balanced curriculum
- To provide developmental opportunities for staff in all schools, especially subject leaders' knowledge and capacity.
- To ensure the continuing development and sustainability of all schools in the Partnership whilst maintaining the individual characteristics and strengths of each school.
- To share strategic leadership to enhance further the quality of education in all schools.
- To build leadership capacity and secure leadership transition arrangements by formalising this partnership for the future with the aim of ensuring all three schools flourish and are sustainable.

What does this mean for the Schools?

This Partnership between Flying Start Federation (Parkham and Buckland Brewer Schools) and Woolsery Primary will enable all schools to work more formally and collaboratively together, and to test out the potential opportunities and benefits of working in this way. Both the Headteacher of Woolsery, Mr Matt Cole, and the Executive Headteacher of Flying Start Federation, Mrs Gina Finch, will remain in post and work together to deliver the aims of the Partnership together with their respective Governing Boards.

Flying Start and Woolsery will maintain their separate identities in the eyes of the Local Authority, and the Local Authority will support this partnership as needed.

The Governing Boards and Staff from both schools are really excited about the possibilities this arrangement will bring to the future for all three schools and the children in them. To enable the

Partnership to work effectively, both Headteachers will spend time working across all three schools. This means parents and children at Flying Start will see Mr Cole on site from time to time and will be able to meet with him; likewise, Mrs Finch will also be at Woolsery on occasion and parents there will be able to meet her. This will mean that school development opportunities can be aligned so we can all work together for the good of our children.

Some of the projects that are anticipated that we will work on in the Autumn Term include:

- Widening our choice of opportunities for residential experiences across the Partnership
- Joint music opportunities for children receiving tuition to be able to collaborate on larger performances
- Joint sports training and events for those who wish to participate more fully in competitive sports
- Developing lunchtime arrangements across the three schools

Further opportunities for drama, art and science days are also in the plan for later in the school year.

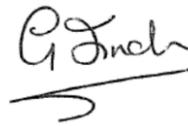
We will be evaluating the effectiveness of the Partnership, at both Staff and Governor levels in the hope that we will move towards a Statutory Consultation in the Spring Term on possible Federation of all three schools.

There will be no obvious changes to the day to day running of any of the schools and so any questions or feedback should continue to be directed to your school's Headteacher as is presently the case.

Yours sincerely,



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Mrs Gina Finch
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