

The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

During this year of tremendous disruption when everyone has tried to do their best to keep safe, we must celebrate the dedication and commitment of our wonderful school staff who have worked so hard to keep both schools open and a stable factor for all our pupils. Both schools have had a low coronavirus rate in Hampshire schools. How have we achieved this? By families, staff, agencies, governors, in fact all stakeholders working together to achieve this goal. Thank you all very much and although we have not yet finished this journey, we continue to be vigilant together.

St Francis has also had the extra challenge of a new build of classrooms, hygiene rooms, library etc and redecoration throughout making this a school fit for purpose of all our pupils now and in the future. Thanks to everyone for being so adaptable throughout the rebuild.

We also have to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils at Heathfield and our students at JCH who at 18/19 years old go onto college or day care centres. Good luck to you all, we are very proud of you and thank you for being great pupils and students. We wish you all the best in your new journeys and new adventures.

I also give my thanks to Maureen Richards, Ray Oakley and Debs Saxby who have been governors at Heathfield and St Francis then as Federation governors. Each governor has given over 20 years' service in education and the governing body. I thank them for all their support and commitment to making the schools the best for all pupils. We also welcome four new governors to the board - Tina Ellis, Angela Dryer, Karen Dredge and Helen Baker. There is still 1 vacancy left for a Parent Governor. If anyone interested please speak to Rachel.

The Federation has not stood still during this year and new innovations have been tried, and those that are beneficial to the school have been adopted so that our pupils gain the best education. We will also be welcoming a number of new pupils and parents into our Federation and we look forward to their new adventures with us.

Finally, as I am resigning at the end of July as Chair of Governors, it is my personal thank you to the Governing Body who are a great team of volunteers dedicated to everyone in the Federation, and to all staff who work tirelessly to give the best to our pupils and always give me a warm and enthusiastic welcome. In addition, to all pupils, a great big thank you. I have loved visiting you in your classrooms and chatting with you, but most of all thank you for the fun and friendship.

Best wishes to everyone and I hope you all have a great summer holiday. Stay safe and hopefully a more settled year on return in September.

Many thanks

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Chair of Governors for Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools.