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FEDERATION - LETTER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS FOLLOWING A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF BOWES AND COTHERSTONE GOVERNING BODIES

11 December 2020

Following the six-week period of Consultation regarding our Proposal to Federate with Cotherstone School, which concluded on 4 December, a special joint meeting of both Governing Bodies (GB) was held yesterday 10 December via MS Teams.

The Consultation process provided seven responses from parents and copies of each response and our replies were shared with every member of the GB. Following careful consideration of these responses and detailed discussion amongst the Governors, a vote was taken by each GB which unanimously supported the proposal to Federate.

It is intended that the date of Federation will be Monday 11 January 2021. The name of the Federation will be Bowes Cotherstone Federation (BCF).

This means that:

- Our two schools will remain as separate schools, but under the leadership of one Headteacher.
- Bowes will retain their School's Religious character whilst ensuring that the ethos of Cotherstone school will remain unaffected
- A single Governing Body will be responsible for governance and staffing in both schools
- Both schools will keep their own names, identity, and uniform
- Both schools will have their own separate budgets
- Both schools will have separate Ofsted inspections

Our vision for the Federation is two distinct schools, each with their own unique character, working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

Mrs C A Matthewman

Headteacher

Mr P D Nicholls

Chair of Governors

