

From the Governing Bodies of  
Winton Primary School and Hugh Myddelton Primary School, Islington

## **Consultation**

A proposal to Federate

Winton Primary School and Hugh Myddelton Primary School

Formal Consultation Period: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Interested Party,

The Governing Bodies of Winton Primary School and Hugh Myddelton Primary School have voted in favour of proceeding to public consultation on a resolution to establish a federation between the two schools, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

You can find out more and make your views known by reading the information and completing a response form via this link:-

<https://securesurvey.islington.gov.uk/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8211852>

A hard copy of the information and response form can be obtained from either school office during the consultation period.

The consultation will close at midday on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Winton and Hugh Myddelton have been in a strategic partnership since September 2017. This partnership has established a close co-operation between the two schools. A move to a federation will show a commitment to this close co-operation and as a result will continue to provide an environment and learning culture that is in the best interests of the children at both schools. Existing staff will keep the same terms and conditions of employment. There will continue to be one Executive Head teacher for both schools and a Head of School at each school. Each school will continue with receiving and managing its own budget. However, there will be a single governing body across both schools. A proposed reconstituted federated governing body model is attached to this consultation.

It will not mean a merger of the two schools and each will retain its own name, keep its own admission criteria; have separate pupil attainment data and separate Ofsted inspections.

The aim for the federation is to offer an even better quality of education to the children of our community. School leaders and governors can build on the existing common ethos and shared values between the two schools. They can adapt and design a curriculum that meets the needs of the pupils, giving them the knowledge and first hand experiences which school leaders believe helps them learn best. School leaders and governors will continue to track children's progress and attainment at each school, and have the highest expectation of standards in both achievement and behaviour.

A federation will enable the schools to continue to recruit and retain the best teachers, offering them experiences to share ideas and develop best practice, along with increased opportunity for career development and management responsibilities that a federated school will offer.

There will be opportunities for increased efficiencies through economies of scale by joint purchasing and shared deployed resources, including staff. Finally, a single governing body will be able to take a strategic view of the needs of both schools, and direct resources where they will bring the greatest benefits and ensure that the governors' professional expertise can be shared between both schools.

The period of consultation lasts six weeks. In addition to consulting parents, staff and children, the governors are also required to consult with others including the Local Authority, MPs and neighbouring schools. These proposals are made with the full support of both Governing Bodies, the Executive Head teacher, and Islington Local Authority. During this time the responses to the consultation will be collected and collated for consideration by the two Governing Bodies, after which the Governing Bodies will vote on whether to proceed with the federation.

On behalf of the two Governing Bodies,

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(Chair of Governors)  
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