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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We wrote to you in April 2025 to set out our plan for the future of our schools and to seek your views on the way forward. Our proposal was to create a new Federation between Barmby Moor CE and Garton on the Wolds CE Primary Schools following what has been a long term and successful collaboration.

We would like to thank everyone who took time to read through the proposal, those parents and carers who attended our consultation events, and all those who contributed to our consultation survey.

What was the outcome of the consultation?

The Governing Bodies of both schools met to consider responses from parents, carers and staff, during the six-week consultation period.

The comments received have allowed both Governing bodies to understand the feelings of key stakeholders, provided a good insight into the thoughts of parents and carers, and has allowed us to make both informed and important decisions.

Quite understandably some responses raised concerns for the future whilst other comments were enthusiastic about the opportunities a more formal Federation between our two schools may bring for our children and staff teams.

The Governing Bodies at both Barmby Moor and Garton on the Wolds approved the formal Federation of our two Governing Bodies which will come into effect on 1 September 2025.

What are the benefits of a Federation?

Our current collaboration has been in place for many years and has provided opportunities for our teachers to work in partnership and develop their skills and experience with several members of the team working across both schools and developing into middle leadership roles, something which is not always available within small rural schools. We hope to develop these opportunities further.

The Federation will also allow us to make the best use of our resources, seek out and share best practice and make both schools stronger for the future.

What will change?

Parents, carers and children will see very little change when the Federation is formed as both Barmby Moor and Garton on the Wolds will retain their own identities and characters, ensuring all our children get the very best education from our nurturing and supportive school communities. Uniforms will remain the same and the staff team will continue to operate within their own school setting.

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The two individual Governing Bodies will be dissolved with the creation of one Federated Governing Body which will provide strategic governance of both schools whilst Mr Baxter will remain the Executive Headteacher.

One change we have agreed is the creation of a slighter larger Governing Body during the transitional stage which will ensure fair representation from current Governors who know each school the best. There will be an election for two Parent Governors and one Staff Governor which will take place over the next few weeks. Whilst the new federated Governing Body is only allowed two Parent Governors from across the two schools, we will ensure fair representation of Parents by utilising additional Co-opted Governors throughout the transitional stage as we know it's important for parents at both schools to retain their voice.

As the Governing Body becomes established it is expected to reduce in size so that strategic decision making can operate more effectively with both schools ensuring they provide the very best education for our children.

We want to assure all parents, carers and children that each school will continue to retain its own character, staff and leadership within the Federation.

Our main priority is focused on guaranteeing and improving the quality of education our two schools provide through excellent teaching and learning whilst retaining our supportive and nurturing school communities.

What happens next?

Our ambition is to use our strong new Federation to build on what we have already achieved together and to provide an outstanding education for all our pupils in the future.

The Governing Bodies of Barmby Moor and Garton on the Wolds Schools will meet collectively on Wednesday 4th June 2025 to start more detailed planning around dissolving the two individual Governing Bodies and creating the single federated Governing Body.

We will continue to communicate with all key stakeholders as we transition into our new Federation and wish the Executive Headteacher, staff, children, and parents and carers the very best.

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Chair of Governors
Barmby Moor CE Primary School

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