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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you jointly on behalf of the governing bodies of Langdale Church of England School, Coniston Church of England Primary School and John Ruskin Secondary School to provide you with some important information about the future of our schools. As an important stakeholder we would appreciate it if you could take a moment to read the attached information. Your opinion is important to the success of our schools as we build an organisation that is able to deliver the very best academic success and pastoral care for our students.

You will have heard reports about schools increasingly joining together to benefit from economies of scale, more seamless transition between key stages and the sharing of staff expertise. The information describes how we plan to do this by joining the three schools in a federation, meaning that they come under one governing body, but remain Local Authority and/or church schools.

Over the past twelve months the governing bodies of the three schools have conducted extensive research into the benefits of federation. Our research has focussed, in the main, on what benefits and opportunities this will offer our children and how it will further improve the standard of education we can offer them. The governing bodies of the three schools have formally agreed to consult with all parties on this.

Should this proposal go ahead it is extremely important to be clear that each school will retain its own site and place in the community it serves. The names of schools, uniforms and unique character and ethos will remain unchanged.

We would like to invite you to one of the following consultation evenings where there will be opportunity to hear more on the proposals:

- Monday 14th November 6pm at Coniston Church of England Primary School
- Tuesday 15th November 6pm at Langdale Church of England School

We would encourage you to come to one of these events if you have any queries, but would appreciate as much feedback as possible.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you at our consultation evenings.

Kind regards



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