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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you jointly on behalf of the governing bodies of 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 sharing of staff expertise, more seamless transition between key stages and economies of scale. The information describes how we plan to do this by joining the two schools in a federation, meaning that they come under one governing body, but remain Local Authority and/or church schools.

Over the past two years the governing bodies of the two 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 in our successful, expanding schools. You may remember a previous consultation on forming a federation; however the governing bodies have now formally agreed to consult all parties on this new proposal.

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 the following consultation evening where there will be opportunity to hear more on the proposals:

- Wednesday 4th July 6pm at Coniston Church of England Primary School

We would encourage you to come to this event 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 evening.

Kind regards

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