



Monday 21st September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Governance of Hollybrook Junior and Hollybrook Infant Schools

Following on from the successful Ofsted inspections of both schools last year, we feel it is time to review the governance structures across both schools and put in place a governance structure that will support the further development of the schools.

Hollybrook Junior School has operated with an Interim Governing Body since May 2013 and this Interim Body is largely populated from staff from the Jefferys Education Trust. The remit of this Governing Body was to oversee the improvement of the school and the achievement of a 'good' judgement by Ofsted. This judgement was received in March 2015.

The Interim Governing Body has now achieved its aims and it is time to move to a more representative governance model for the school. The Governing Bodies of both Hollybrook Junior and Infant Schools are therefore merging together with effect from September this year and those governors of Hollybrook Junior School who are employees of the Trust will stand down. This move is supported by the Jefferys Education Trust Board.

Jenny Jones the current Chair of Hollybrook Infants will be Chair of the new Governing Body and Nigel Reichelt the current Chair of Hollybrook Junior will take on the role of Vice Chair.

Each school will remain as an infant and a junior school with their own identities.

The reasons for this merger are as follows;

- To bring a consistent approach to teaching and learning for children and for the community across both schools and to link the learning and transition between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This would create a seamless learning pathway for pupils from year R through to year 6.
- To create a leadership structure driving both schools towards outstanding.
- Governors will be able to follow pupil progress and wellbeing across both Key Stages.

We would again like to take the opportunity to thank all staff and pupils for their hard work and dedication in achieving our Ofsted judgements

Jenny Jones
Chair

Nigel Reichelt
Vice Chair