



Consultation

Proposed federation of Greenleys Junior School and Langland School

What is this consultation proposing?

The governing boards of Greenleys Junior School and Langland School are writing to you to tell you about the start of a consultation process to create a federation between our two schools.

We believe that a federation of the two schools would be very positive, and will build upon our collaboration to date. However, before we consider it any further, we would like to tell you about it, and find out your views.

The proposal

In brief, the proposal is to formally federate Greenleys Junior School and Langland School, starting in January 2019. A federation is where two schools work very closely together under one governing board, while retaining their own identity.

The model would continue with one shared executive headteacher, and robust senior leadership arrangements which are in place at each school. This is the model that is currently operating successfully across both schools.

The role of the single governing board would be to:

- define a shared vision and strategic direction for the schools
- ensure proper management of financial resources and
- hold the executive headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools.

The governing boards at Greenleys Junior School and Langland School would federate to become one governing board. There would be a total of 15 governors, of which there would be:

- 2 x parent governors from each school
- 1 x elected staff governor
- 1 x executive headteacher
- 1 x local authority nominated governor
- 8 x co-opted governors

This would mean that:

- Both schools would keep their names and individual identities, existing as separate schools, on separate sites;
- Both schools would continue to be registered separately with Ofsted, and retain their existing judgements;
- Both schools would continue to have their own separate budgets;
- The governing board would set the strategic vision across both schools and ensure educational and financial accountability;
- Both schools would work in very close partnership for the benefit of all the children;
- Existing staff contracts would not change as a result of federation;
- Admission arrangements for the two schools would not be affected;
- Develop a shared vision, values and ethos of the schools which would be safeguarded by the federation.

We've already seen the benefits, and believe that this is a good idea because it will:

- Continue to provide a strong future for both schools by securing strong leadership;
- Continue to provide a consistently high quality education provision for your children;
- Mean that best practice, facilities and expertise will continue to be shared between the two schools;
- Continue to provide more opportunities for shared costs and efficiencies, meaning that there is more money available in both schools for high quality teaching and learning;
- Provides benefits in terms of head/staff retention recruitment, and development.

Admissions Authorities

Both schools are community schools, the local authority, Milton Keynes Council is the admissions authority.

Next Steps

This consultation will end on 09/09/18 and, after this time, we will jointly consider any responses to the proposal and each governing board will decide whether to proceed or not. If it is decided that the proposal should go ahead, the new arrangements would start in January 2019.

How can I find out more and contribute to this consultation?

The schools have arranged drop in sessions for people to find out more and give their views:

Greenleys Junior School – Thursday 5th July - 2.30pm to 3.30pm and 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Langland School – Tuesday 3rd July - 8.45am to 9.45am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm

These are open to anyone to attend.

Staff sessions will also be held at:

Greenleys Junior School – Wednesday 11th July - 12.00pm to 1.00pm and 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Langland School – Tuesday 10th July - 12.00pm to 1.00pm and 3.30pm to 4.30pm

This consultation seeks views from parents and staff and any other interested parties. We are keen to hear as many views as possible about this proposal. Please go online and complete the web form at:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations>

If you are unable to access the online form you may respond by email to:

sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk

or in writing to Education Sufficiency, Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS or by telephone to 01908 253320