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Middle Common,  
Kington Langley,  
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**June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Stakeholders.

The governing bodies of both Stanton St Quintin Primary school and Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School have been working on a project to help decide if they should join together in a Hard Federation. We need your opinions and views, as a stakeholder, to help both schools decide if this is the right path for the future.

What is a Hard Federation?

- A Hard Federation is defined in law as two or more maintained schools operating under the governance of a single Governing Board
- Schools retain their own ethos and distinctiveness.
- Schools are inspected separately by Ofsted (and their Diocese if appropriate).
- Budgets are kept separate – this is 2 schools under a single leadership.
- Most often led by one Executive Head Teacher

In the case of SSQ and LF, both schools will continue to be funded through Wiltshire Council with the same teaching staff, premises and class structures. The key difference will be that both schools will be managed by a new Governing Board and will be under the leadership of an Executive Head Teacher.

Accompanying this letter is the consultation document that sets out the benefits for this new structure

If the consultation is positive, and both Governing Bodies approve the formation of the Hard Federation, we propose that this will take effect from after Half Term in October 2020.

All schools are under pressure at this time due to the impact of the Coronavirus and while we are adjusting to new ways of working, a face to face meeting of stakeholders will not be possible. In place of this we will be holding a public online meeting via Zoom on the 15<sup>th</sup>

June at 6pm. If you would like to attend, please register your interest with Michelle Hocking so we can send the login details for the meeting.

The consultation document can also be downloaded from each school website.

The formal consultation period will run until 17<sup>th</sup> July. Could you please send any correspondence by email to Michelle Hocking at: [clerk@stantonschool.net](mailto:clerk@stantonschool.net).

Yours Faithfully

Adrian Cole

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