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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Friends of the School,

Proposal for St John the Baptist Church of England and Bomere Heath Church of England Schools to form a Federation.

During a time when rural schools in Shropshire are under the very real threat of classroom amalgamation, due to a predicted consistent downward trend in pupil numbers coming into reception over the next few years, an opportunity has arisen for our school to form a federation with Bomere Heath CE Primary School.

We are enclosing a consultation document for your careful consideration, which outlines the proposal and the role you can play in the process.

As Governing Bodies, we are confident that forming a Federation will enable the seamless continuity of both schools working together for the mutual benefit of the children and the community whilst retaining their own identity - both now and in the future. Mrs Julie Ball (current head at St John the Baptist School, Ruyton XI Towns) has with immediate effect been appointed Acting Executive Head across both schools, in order to strengthen leadership and management at Bomere Heath for the interim period. Mrs Jo Hillier will remain Head of Bomere Heath, responsible for the day to day running of the school. This will ensure consistent leadership for both St John the Baptist School and Bomere Heath School during the consultation process, ensuring that all children receive the best teaching and learning experience.

If you would like to register your comments a 'Response Form' is enclosed along with information that Governors feel are the benefits of Federation. We welcome your views as parents and recognise the importance you play in shaping the future of education in our villages.

We will be holding a consultation/surgery session at Ruyton XI Towns on 15th September 2015, and Bomere Heath on 16th September 2015. The timings of the sessions on both days are 3.30pm to 5.00pm and then 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The Chair and Vice Chair from each school will be present at both meetings. You can attend either meeting regardless of which school your child attends. This will be an opportunity for you to seek further information and ask any questions about this exciting proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Sarah Bayliss
Chair of Governors