



Carlisle & Hampton Hill Federation



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Dear parents/carers,

29th September 2023

So the new school year has begun and I hope everyone has settled well in to their new routines and with their new teachers. As many of you will know already, it's been a busy start to the year with an Ofsted Inspection at Carlisle just as the new reception children were starting, and we are awaiting the Hampton Hill Juniors inspection too. As soon as the inspection report for Carlisle is available, staff will share it with you, but in the meantime we wanted to express our absolute respect to the Carlisle staff who responded with the utmost professionalism to the inspection clashing perfectly with the new reception starters and a major water supply problem!

I will of course be in touch with you in December with our termly newsletter, but we just wanted to update you with where we are with the new federation values and vision, as well as decisions regarding the new federation logo and uniform. Thank you to everyone who was part of the process to formulate the values and vision and these have been uploaded to the website. Staff will be sharing further details as to how these values and the vision for our federation will be brought to life for the whole school community. The logo & uniform colour was also decided on after a vote by all stakeholders and this will become our official logo once the new uniform is in place for September 2024. We needed to make a decision on our new logo and uniform colour last term in order to give enough notice to uniform suppliers. Your Headteachers will share more details on the new uniform as this year progresses but we want to reassure everyone that we fully understand that there will be a long transition period during which we will have pupils wearing new and old uniforms and this is absolutely fine. We are keen not to put any further pressure on our families who may be finding it tough with the current cost of living difficulties.

Governors have already started working hard with school leaders and we will continue to do so during the year. Headteachers have identified the key focus areas for the federation and individual schools, one of which will be to closely monitor attendance. School staff and governors are keen to reduce the number of children whose attendance is lower than it should be without any specific reasons. We know how hard school staff work to support and encourage children and their families to maintain excellent attendance levels and we will continue to monitor this area as the year progresses.

We send you our very best wishes for a successful first term of this school year,

Deb Long and all the governors of the federation of Carlisle Infants and Hampton Hill Juniors.

Deb Long

Chair of Governors

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