



Federation of Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Felliscliffe Schools

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Dear Parents and Children,

We are writing to let you know the Federation of Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Felliscliffe Primary Schools have been offered an exciting opportunity. From September 2018, we will be working with Ripley Endowed Church of England Primary School. Ripley has had two 'requiring improvement' judgements and has been receiving intensive support from North Yorkshire for the past year. Mrs Jackson-Ward and Mrs Taylor (who will be returning to the federation) will be supporting Ripley through their school improvement journey, following the closure of Ripley's partner school Burnt Yates. They will continue to work as our leadership team across Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Felliscliffe Primary Schools. Teaching arrangements at our schools will remain otherwise unchanged.

As I'm sure you are aware, there are currently a large number of changes taking place across the education sector with the majority of schools now part of wider partnerships; such as academies or federations. An effective collaboration can offer many opportunities for joint working; benefit pupils; develop staff and also help schools to work in a more financially efficient way. As governors, we are acutely aware of the rapidly changing landscape and so we are viewing this as an opportunity for a longer-term collaborative relationship with a view to federation.

Throughout the autumn term, further details regarding this collaboration will be sent to you, but if you have any questions in this interim period, then do contact me via the school office. Please note that governors will be holding parent meetings this term at both schools with dates to be confirmed in the next few days.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel O'Brien
Chair of Governors