



**DRY DRAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (C) PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



**OAKINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (A) PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

21st November 2017

To Pupils, Parents, Carers, Staff and All Stakeholders

Dear All

Following the conclusion of the consultation period, the governing bodies of Dry Drayton and Oakington Primary Schools met on November 16th to consider the responses received, and to vote formally on whether or not to proceed with the proposed federation between the two schools.

The vote to federate was, as required, taken independently by each governing body, and we are delighted to report that the decision was in both cases very strongly in favour of federating. The Dry Drayton and Oakington Primary School Federation will officially commence at midnight on 1st January 2018.

We would especially like to thank those who responded to the consultation. There was a very clear majority of responses in favour of federation, but there were also some useful points raised which were given serious consideration by both governing bodies and in the final meeting. We will address these in more detail in subsequent communications.

Federating is a significant moment in the histories of these two neighbouring schools, and we can now look forward to developing the advantages arising from the firmness and proximity of this ongoing relationship. Federating not only helps to secure both schools going into the future, it represents the start of a new era, with the prospect of enhancing the educational strengths and opportunities for the children and staff at both schools, while preserving the distinctive and special character of each.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Taylor (Chair of Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School)

Edmund Buss (Chair of Oakington C of E (A) Primary School)