

Federation of Burnsall, Cracoe, Grassington and Kettlewell Primary Schools

I am delighted to be able to write to you to tell you that the Governing Bodies of Burnsall, Cracoe, Grassington and Kettlewell have, following wide consultation with the community and other stakeholders, voted to proceed to formal Federation of the four schools. This will take place from February 1st 2017.

The proposals we are carrying forward remain broadly unchanged from those in the original document. It was agreed as an amendment that two of the three Foundation Governors would be nominated by the Craven Trust while the third and the ex-officio Governor would be Diocesan nominees.

As a gesture of goodwill a minor alteration was agreed to the Governor skills audit. This is the document by means of which a broad range of skills and experience are guaranteed on the Governing Body. An additional criterion has been included which will reflect the intention of the Federated Governing Body to include a Governor who has "understanding of and commitment to the unique needs and ethos of an LA maintained school in a rural area." This should guarantee that a member of the Kettlewell community is represented on the Governing Body along with a Foundation Governors from each of Burnsall, Cracoe and Grassington.

The remaining Governors will be appointed by election or nomination by various different bodies as the law requires. I do hope this will mitigate some of the concerns expressed by various interest groups around parity of Governance even though we are going to be working as a collegiate body.

We shall be meeting in December and again early in the New Year to begin to develop our implementation strategy and will keep you informed of our progress.

All best wishes

Anne Vetch

Chair of Governors Kettlewell Primary School
Chair of the JSDC