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Dear Parents and Carers,

Leadership update from September 2019.

As a Governing body we are delighted to confirm that from September 2019 Mr Halford will remain as our Acting Executive Headteacher.

Following the retirement of Mrs Saunders the Governing Board began the lengthy process of securing the leadership of the two schools within the Raleigh Federation. During this time we explored many options including recruiting a new Executive Headteacher and widening the Federation. Through the Diocesan Education Board we also sent out Expression of Interest forms to all suitable schools in the local area, the purpose being to secure an interim leader to cover the period from January to September 2019. From the replies received the Governors decided to pursue a Management Partnership with The Link Academy Trust and in doing so Mr Halford came to us from Yeoford Primary.

Working in the Management Partnership has been a hugely positive experience, we have been impressed by both Mr Halford and the support that the Federation has received from The Link Academy Trust both at a pupil level with the introduction of Times Table Rockstars and the two new Toddler Groups alongside administrative guidance to improve the systems and protocols we use to improve standards.

As a result the Governors have decided to enter into a period of consultation to formally join The Link Academy Trust in October 2019 and retain Mr Halford as our Executive Head.

The six week consultation period will open on Monday 3rd June and close on Monday 15th July 2019.

As part of this consultation period there will be two parents meetings. Parents from both Drakes and Otterton can attend whichever meeting suits them best, the dates are:

Tuesday 4th June 3:30 – 4:30pm at Drakes Primary School

Wednesday 5th June 5:00 – 6:00pm at Otterton primary school.

The purpose of these meetings is for you to have the opportunity to learn more about The Link Academy Trust and ask any questions that you may have. The following email address will also be open for questions: Parent.Consultation@thelink.academy

Please only use this email address, it will be fully monitored and replies will be given within 48 hours (except at weekends)

If for any reason it is not possible to email please leave questions in sealed envelopes in the care of the office marked Academy Parent Consultation

At the end of the six week period the Governing body will make the decision as whether to proceed with the process.

The Link Academy Trust is currently made up of nine small primary schools (the majority being under 100 pupils on roll):

- 5 Community Schools (Cheriton Bishop, Hennock, Stoke Gabriel, Tedburn St Mary and Yeoford)
- 2 Voluntary Aided Schools (Harbertonford and Landscope)
- 1 Voluntary Controlled School (Diptford)
- 1 Voluntary Trust School (Bearnese)

The Link shares our vision for strong, sustainable schools that are known and respected in their local communities- please see the websites for more information. At the heart of our decision was the passion The Link has for supporting small, local schools.

You will have the opportunity to hear about the Link Academy Trust and ask any questions at the meetings or through the email.

Should the planned conversion go ahead it is important to point out that a Local Governing Board will be retained with Parent Governor members along with Staff and Foundation Governors.

More information can be found using the following: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/convert-to-an-academy-information-for-schools>

We wish you all a very happy half term break.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Channon". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Mrs C Channon (On behalf of the Raleigh Federation Governors)