



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Bishopswood Infant & Junior Schools
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, The Bishopswood Federation has been working in close collaboration with Bramley C of E Primary School for over 5 years now. During this time, all three schools have benefitted in a wide variety of ways. The collaboration has enabled the 3 schools to share resources, undertake joint training, retain and develop staff, recruit quality staff and make financial savings. Our ability to work together has been especially beneficial during Covid times allowing us to cover staff absence and share the workload of constructing various risk assessments, outbreak and catch up plans and developing new ways of remote teaching.

The Governing Bodies of Bishopswood and Bramley fully support the collaboration model of school leadership, as they know first-hand how this approach benefits the staff and children of the schools involved. It is for this reason that both sets of Governing Bodies have welcomed the approach of another local school to join our collaboration for an interim period of time.

The Governors of Whitewater C of E Primary School in Rotherwick formally approached our schools to request that they join our collaboration until August 2022. This request has been accepted by all Governing Bodies, a decision that has been fully supported by the Local Authority. Whitewater C of E Primary School is approximately 5 miles east of Bramley. It is a small village school consisting of 4 classes and 91 children. Due to the sudden departure of their long standing Headteacher the Governors, staff and children of Whitewater C of E Primary School have been left in need of school leadership. Therefore, from the 1st of December the Bishopswood & Bramley Collaboration will take over leadership responsibilities of the school until the end of August 2022.

For Bishopswood the addition of Whitewater to our collaboration will have little to no impact upon the day to day running of our schools. The majority of leadership support will be coming from Bramley's resources. As a fellow church school and due to the proximity of the school, Bramley C of E Primary School is best placed to provide this interim support. Although I will have overall responsibility for all the schools in the Collaboration I will still be based at Bishopswood at various points throughout the week and contactable at all times. The day to day running of our schools will continue to be overseen by Miss Stevens (Executive Deputy Head) and Mr Morris (Executive Assistant Head).

During these challenging times, it feels only right that we should support another local school in order to provide the best education possible for their children.

If you do have any questions please do contact me

Yours sincerely

Mr G Golding
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Jo Slimin
Chair of Governors

Caring



Respecting



Thriving Together



Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.