

ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposal for Hard Federation of St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School and St Maddern's C of E (VA) Primary School.

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body of St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School and the Interim Executive Board of St Maddern's C of E (VA) Primary School have both passed resolutions that the schools should write a proposal for a hard federation between the two school to take effect from 7.01.19. The proposal is attached to this letter.

As you may know St Mary's C of E School was asked to support with the Leadership and Management of St Maddern's C of E School in July 2017. We supported the school intensely for 2017-18 and we have continued to lead and manage the school this academic year. Due to the hard work put in by St Mary's the current time commitment of Mrs Tyreman to St Maddern's School is much less than last year and now in proportion to the number of children on roll at the school.

The Governors are looking to form a Hard Federation as this will:

- Formalise the relationship between the schools.
- Bring together governance across both schools.
- Provide opportunities for all children across the two schools. For St Mary's this means access to a stunning location and outdoor site at St Maddern's that is now being developed to provide outdoor education opportunities for all children.
- Joint use of resources – there are now three minibuses between the two settings that will help both schools substantially with trips, visits and access to sporting opportunities.
- Strengthen the future of two Church of England Schools in West Cornwall.
- Provide increased opportunity for staff networking, sharing ideas and professional development.



Attached to this letter is the Hard Federation Proposal.

What will this mean for my child?

- Day to day running of the school will be exactly the same as now.
- Your child will have the same class teacher for this year.
- Any staff appointed after January could be deployed in either setting.

We are confident that this arrangement is in the best interests of both schools and welcome the opportunities that this hard federation will give to both schools and further their future development. We will, as ever, work to continuously improving education for your child.

The Governors welcome your comments on the proposal by noon **Wednesday 19th December 2018**.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Derath Durkin

Chair of Governors, St Mary's C of E (VA) School.

Please hand in your comments to the office.

We also welcome you to a consultation meeting on **Thursday 13th December at 3:30pm at St Mary's C of E School** to discuss the proposal with you and answer any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Derath Durkin, Chair of St Mary's C of E (VA) School Governors.

