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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Consultation regarding the formation of a Federation between Croyland Nursery School, Parklands Nursery School and Highfield Nursery School.

Since September 2015, Croyland Nursery School and Highfield Nursery School in Wellingborough have been in a Federation (Wellingborough Nursery Schools Federation). This has established a close partnership between the settings. During this time, Lyndsey Barnett has been the Executive Headteacher for both schools and they have shared expertise and come together for joint training. In September 2019 a collaboration was formed with Parklands Nursery School in Northampton, with the Executive Headteacher leading all three schools. Over the past year, our strengths in expertise and high quality education have continued to grow across the three schools. A number of staff have worked across the collaboration to ensure the three schools maintain high standards of education and care.

The Governors of Wellingborough Nursery Schools Federation and the Governors of Parklands Nursery School met in the summer term to consider the next steps to ensure continued success. Both Governing Bodies have agreed to proceed to a public consultation starting on Monday 12th October 2020 regarding the three schools becoming a Federation in early 2021. The aim of the Federation is to strengthen the three Maintained Nursery Schools and ensure the highest quality of early years practice is provided for all the children. The Federation would mean that the Executive Headteacher leads all three schools and there would be one Governing Body for the three schools.

Maintained Nursery Schools have a long-standing tradition of supporting all children in an inclusive and child-centred learning environment. We are proud to be Nursery Schools and feel that we will be stronger as three schools together. The three schools share a common ethos and vision and, together, we can adapt our curriculum to ensure we meet the needs and interests of our children in an exciting and rich learning environment. We want the schools to continue to go from strength to strength, building on existing exemplary practice and developing our role as beacons of best practice. There will also be opportunities for increased efficiencies through economies of scale by joint purchasing and





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shared deployed resources. The Governing Body will take a strategic view of the needs of all three schools and ensure that governors' expertise is shared across all three settings.

In addition to consulting with parents, staff and children, the Governors are also required to consult with others, including the Local Authority. These proposals are made with the full support of both Governing Bodies, the Executive Headteacher and the Northamptonshire Local Authority. During the consultation period, all responses will be collected and collated for consideration by the two Governing Bodies, after which they will vote on whether to proceed with the Federation.

Included with this letter is the consultation document outlining the reasons and benefits of creating the Federation, including an invitation to parents to give your feedback. Please read the attached document carefully. You can make your views known by completing the response form (see page 14 in the document) or the online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SM2LJ6C>, or speaking to the Executive Headteacher and Governors outside the schools on the dates listed in the document. The consultation will close **at 4pm on Friday 27th November**, all feedback must be received before this time. A copy of this letter and the consultation document can also be found on the schools websites.

Yours sincerely

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