



# The Dales Federation of Primary Schools

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Dear Staff,

Welcome to the new school year at the Dales Federation of Primary Schools. As you are aware, the Governing Boards of Bradley and of Brailsford Schools were dissolved at the end of August in preparation for the commencement of the Federation on the 1st of September. This week an AGM was held at which the new Governing Board for the Dales Federation was formed, and I would like to introduce you to its members.

The two Parent Governors, elected prior to the end of last term, are Mrs Abbey Batley and Mrs Victoria Wright. The Head Teacher, Mrs Foulds, sits on the Governing Board in addition to the two elected Staff Governors, Mrs Liz Edge and Mrs Fiona Allen. There are two Foundation Governors who represent the Church, one of whom is the Rev. Phil Michell. The second Foundation Governor is nominated by Rev. Paul Taylor to represent himself, and will be ratified at the upcoming Parish Church Council meeting. The Local Authority Governor is Mrs Margaret Matthews, and there are four Co-Opted Governors: Mr Dan Ashmore, Mr Chris Wright, Mr James Travers and myself, Mrs Alison Cresswell.

Once the Governing Board was in place, I was elected as Chair of Governors and Margaret Matthews as Vice-Chair. Governors were then placed into the Committees according to their skills, and meeting dates were set. There are four subcommittees: Resources, School Improvement, Performance Management and the Disciplinary Committee. The details of the Governing Board and the Committee membership will be placed on the Federation website.

The Governors are all keen and enthusiastic to take the Federation forward and to ensure that the children, who are central to all that we do, receive the best education, fostered by the ethos of both schools. I am confident that the Governing Board contains the necessary skill sets required to successfully fulfil our role as Governors to the Dales Federation, and I am looking forward to us working together to build on the strong foundations that we have.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Cresswell  
Chair of Governors