



Dear Parent/Carer

### **Meon Infant School, Moorings Way Infant School and Meon Junior School becoming Meon Way Federation**

Moorings Way, Meon Infant and Meon Junior School pride themselves on a joint ethos that develops all pupils within a high-quality learning environment that allows them to begin their academic journey to become their best selves. While Meon Junior School values academic success, we also want our children to grow into confident, independent learners who are eager to learn and try new things.

I took over as Executive Headteacher of all three schools earlier this year, with the support of Ruth Vonk, Head of School at Meon Infant School and Moorings Way Infant School and Christine Turner at Meon Junior School after more than five years as Headteacher of Meon Junior School. The schools have desired to establish a formal partnership for the benefit of the children, staff, and wider community.

#### **What is a federation?**

A federation is a legal governance structure where between two and six schools share a single governing body. The schools will retain their individuality, their own name but could share budget, school uniform, resources, facilities and good practice. The three schools currently share their budget, ethos and staffing.

Our schools will be individually named Moorings Way Infant School, Meon Way Infant School, and Meon Way Junior School and will form the Meon Way Federation. Becoming a federation of schools will represent all three settings coming together to form a family. While we will officially look to join this July, we have been working together, with the support of the Trust, since 2018 to transform life chances and ensure pupils receive a child-first education. This is also a step towards the all through education model developing stronger transition for those pupils that move from the infant schools to Meon Junior.

#### **What is going to change?**

I want to reassure you that you and your child will see very little change in the day-to-day running of the schools joining together. Our schools will be able to offer your child/ren a complete primary education on two different sites. They will also benefit from shared teaching expertise, resources, and knowledge, as well as extracurricular activities. Many of your children will remember Her late Royal Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the fantastic day all three schools provided our pupils. We would love to offer the children many more of these magical memories.

A planned and phased uniform change has been suggested from September 2023. The proposal to alter the uniform was made to support our aim of all three schools uniting and developing a shared identity as Meon Way Federation. We have investigated which uniforms are readily available at local supermarkets and from approved suppliers. We have considered the following colours navy blue jumpers or cardigan with bee logo, white polo and grey trousers.



We know it is essential that we consider the views of our community, so as part of the process, we are holding an online consultation. Please use the following link to share your thoughts: [Parent Consultation: Our schools becoming Meon Way Federation](#)

My intention with this letter is to inform you of the discussions that are happening and to reassure you that any decisions will be given full consideration. My ultimate aim is to further improve the opportunities, and educational provision for your child and future children at Meon Junior School.

If you have any further questions or would like to speak to me directly, please contact or email the school reception team to arrange an appointment.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sara Paine

**Executive Headteacher**

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