



9th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on the Federation of St Giles CofE Infant School and Riverview CofE Primary and Nursery School

I write to thank you for your engagement in the recent consultation regarding the proposal to federate St Giles CofE Infant School, Ashted, and Riverview CofE Primary and Nursery School, Ewell, under a single governing body.

Both governing bodies greatly appreciate the thoughtful feedback, questions, and comments shared during the consultation period. Our school communities are clearly committed to supporting the best outcomes for our children, and this has been central to our decision-making.

After careful consideration of all the responses and discussions with stakeholders, both governing bodies have now **formally agreed to move forward with the federation.**

Federating the two schools will leverage their strengths, share best practices, and enhance collaboration, staff development, and school improvement. Each school will keep its identity, ethos, and site, while benefiting from shared leadership and strategic direction. Your child's daily experience will remain the same, but over time, they will gain from increased partnerships, shared expertise, and enriched opportunities.

The new single governing body will be made up of representatives from both schools and will work closely with the Headteacher and leadership teams to ensure that the needs of all children continue to be met and that both schools thrive.

The proposed name for the federation is 'Hope Federation'. Our strap line will be "Flourishing Through Unity". Our vision statement will be: "As smaller schools, at the heart of our communities, we offer holistic, faith environments, where every child is valued and can thrive and grow in every way. Inspired by Hebrews 10:24, we unite to build strength, grasp new opportunities and share resources and expertise, so enabling all to flourish".

The proposed federation will come into effect in April 2026, subject to the outcome of final governing body decisions.



Riverview C of E Primary and Nursery School

with Riverview Day Nursery

Every child matters, every moment counts

Headteacher: Mrs M Atkins

We will continue to keep you informed throughout this transition and beyond. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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