

Barrow C of E Primary School & Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School

Cheshire West and Chester

Federation Consultation 2025

Dear parent/Carer

We write to let you know that we are starting public consultation over the proposal to federate our two schools. The consultation that begins today, the 24th February, will run for six weeks until the 4th April. Please find our Consultation Document attached. If you want a printed paper copy then this can be arranged for you, please notify the school office of this. The office can be emailed at

admin@barrowce.cheshire.sch.uk

admin@dstp.cheshire.sch.uk

A short summary: the Governing Bodies of both Barrow C of E Primary School and Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary & Foundation Unit are proposing to join together in one Federation. This will build upon the partnership that the two schools currently have in place.

The Governing Bodies believe that moving into federation would be in the best interest of all parties, benefiting teaching and learning and the support given to children, families and our local communities. As you know the two schools have successfully shared a headteacher for the past few years.

To be clear the federation proposed here is that the two schools remain separate entities in law and they keep their separate budgets. However they are managed by a single joint Governing Body and run by a unified leadership team. Each school will be inspected as separate schools, not one federation.

This Consultation Document attached explains further what this would mean for parents, pupils, and staff. At the outset we would be clear that no school or premises will close as a result of the proposed federation. There will be no change in the character of the two schools nor in our mission to educate children within a Christian ethos.

On the attached document you will see mention of a date for a parents' drop-in and we will advise you of the time this will run within the next few days.

Yours sincerely

Julia Tillotson, Chair of Governors, Barrow C of E Primary School

Katie Pierce, Chair of Governors, Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary