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Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you of developments that are being made to further improve our Infant and Junior schools, as we work ever more closely together.

Since 2016, the Infant and Junior schools have worked under a shared leadership team and follow a progressive curriculum and policies. The staff work as closely as possible to ensure that all education and well-being needs are met for our children, especially in their transition from the Infant to the Junior school at the end of Year 2.

Whilst our team does work incredibly closely together, there are obviously limitations when they are situated across two buildings. We have therefore decided that we will research the options for the amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Junior schools, to become one through primary school, on the Junior school site, to best serve our community.

An Academy has not come forward to sponsor the Infant school, since the order was placed on it 26 months ago. We therefore continue to be supported by the Local Authority in our school improvement and feel that this proactive approach to researching amalgamation will further strengthen our provision for education at Moorside. This is a lengthy process; decisions will not be made until there has been a formal consultation, which will involve parents and staff.

In the continuing absence of Mrs White, Mrs Rowett will remain as Acting Headteacher and she will be working closely with the Lead Advisor, Christine Windwood during this period. The pace of school improvement for both schools has been maintained during Mrs White's absence. This is a reflection of the high level of commitment that the school's staff, Governors and the Local Authority have to our schools. The support from you, our parents, is also invaluable to the staff team, so thank you.

As ever, please do contact Mrs Rowett if you have any concerns about your child's education and well-being, which continues to be the school's priority during this period of change. She will endeavour to make herself available for a meeting or even a brief chat on the playground.

Kind regards,



Mary Kelly
Chair of Governors
Moorside Infant and Junior schools



Mrs C Rowett
Acting Headteacher
Moorside Infant and Junior Schools