



7th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Ref: Update on the Schools' amalgamation and Headteacher recruitment

In July we shared details of our proposal to amalgamate the two Redbourn Schools into a new Redbourn Primary School, and now we'd like to give you a progress update.

Has the amalgamation been formally approved?

Not yet, but the amalgamation has been recommended by Hertfordshire County Council's Education Panel and passed to the County's Cabinet Members for formal approval. The final decision will be made on 13th November.

Through the consultation process Hertfordshire County Council received a number of responses from the community and stakeholders, and the feedback has been positive. We are really hopeful that on the 13th November the proposal will be approved and we can begin the process.

What are the next steps?

In line with the timing plan for the amalgamation, we have today begun the Headteacher recruitment process and the role has been advertised. We consulted with Staff at both Schools, all of whom took the time to give us thoughts on the qualities and experience they would like to see in the Primary School's Head. This has been incorporated into the recruitment brief.

The role of Headteacher is clearly a key priority for the School's success, and we are working with Herts County Council to form a recruitment panel including members of both Governing Bodies. We are confident we will find a Headteacher with not only the skills and experience required, but also the philosophy, enthusiasm and spirit needed to continue the great work of the staff at both Schools.

We will communicate the outcome of the approval meeting on 14th November. In that letter we will also outline the first stages of the transition plan.

Thank you for your support so far. Should you have any questions please either speak to the Governors or email queries.redbournprimary@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully,

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