



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth

Together for a Brighter Future

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To the Parents and Carers of Brighstone C.E. Primary School,

Following the recent announcement from Mrs Sarah Turvill, your Chair of Governors, we wanted to write to you directly to introduce ourselves, and to say how pleased we are to be working with Brighstone C.E. Primary School during this period of interim leadership.

We are incredibly privileged and excited to have been asked by your Governing Body, the Local Authority, and the Diocese to provide interim leadership for Brighstone C.E. Primary School from the beginning of the upcoming Autumn term. We know that periods of leadership transition can naturally bring questions and a feeling of uncertainty, and we want to assure you from the outset that our primary focus is to ensure absolute stability, continuity, and the highest standards of care and education for your children.

We want to firmly reassure you that this partnership will not change the unique and special identity of Brighstone C.E. Primary School. Your school will continue to have its own distinct vision, values, Governing Body, and cherished place within the local community. Our role is not to alter what makes Brighstone wonderful, but to support and enrich it.

To achieve this, I, Mrs Grainger (Headteacher), and Mrs Westhorpe (Deputy Headteacher), along with members of the leadership team will be actively spending time in your school every single week. We will be working closely alongside your dedicated staff team who remain at the absolute heart of your school.

At the same time, this collaborative arrangement brings wonderful new opportunities. By partnering with our Federation, we will all gain direct access to a wider network of experienced senior leaders and specialist staff. This will introduce additional expertise, professional support, and collaborative learning opportunities that will benefit both your children and our school teams.

We are fully committed to building a strong relationship with you all. At the beginning of the Autumn term, we look forward to offering opportunities for parents and carers to meet with Mrs Grainger and Mrs Westhorpe, on a one-to-one basis, so we can listen to your thoughts, answer your questions, and learn more about your wonderful community.

Over the coming weeks, we will be working diligently behind the scenes with Brighstone's governors and staff to guarantee a seamless transition. Thank you for your patience, warmth, and continued support as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

We look forward to welcoming your children back in September for a fantastic term ahead.

Warmest regards,

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Chair of Governors

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purpose is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best
they can, now and throughout their lives.



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