



6th March 2023

**Consultation for the federation of
Iford & Kingston CE Primary School
with
Skylark Federation**

Dear Stakeholder,

As you may be aware, Iford & Kingston School began a collaboration with Skylark Federation in September 2022 with a view to joining the federation in order to strengthen the school's robustness for the future. We believe that federation is the best way to ensure that children in our school will continue to enjoy an excellent, well-rounded education, in partnership with parents and our local communities.

We now have several months' experience of the collaboration and the governors believe that the school communities are working well together. We would like to build on the progress made so far by formalising the relationship and officially becoming part of Skylark in September 2023. The accompanying consultation paper outlines our reasoning more fully and provides more detail about the proposal.

We believe it is important that you have your say and we welcome your views as stakeholders.

You are invited to attend a meeting at the school at 6pm on Thursday March 9th where school leaders and governors from Skylark and Iford & Kingston will answer any questions you have about the proposal or the federation.

To comment on the proposal, please complete and return the response form accompanying the consultation paper. Responses must be received by 1st May 2023.

Please note that, whilst your views will be noted and taken into consideration, the decision to federate ultimately rests with the I&K Board of Governors.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Douglas
Co-Chair of Governors

Sally Domingo-Jones
Co-Chair of Governors

These consultation papers have been circulated to all our stakeholders including:

- The parents/carers of pupils at Iford and Kingston School
- All staff paid to work at Iford and Kingston School
- Volunteers at Iford and Kingston School
- Kingston Parochial Church Council (School representative: Beryl Burrell)
- Kingston Parish Council
- Lewes District Councillor (William Meyer)
- East Sussex County Councillor (Sarah Osborne)
- East Sussex Senior Manager, Partnerships and Governance (Jessica Stubbings)
- East Sussex Director of Children's Services (Alison Jeffery)
- Chichester Diocese (Michelle Perry)
- Lewes Education Improvement Partnership
- Ashdown Education Improvement Partnership
- Member of Parliament (Maria Caulfield)
- The Secretary of State for Education (Gillian Keegan)

