

Dear Families

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of term, I wanted to share some positive developments regarding our Federation with Carrington Junior School.

Over the past term, the partnership between our two schools has continued to grow and strengthen. One of the key achievements has been the development of a joint communication strategy, designed to ensure that both schools are aligned in how we share information with families. Louise Lord, Communications Governor will be sending a survey to all parents in the Spring term to gather more information so we can sharpen our engagement with you.

We are aware that there are too many digital platforms for parents across the two schools, therefore these will be reviewed over the coming months. However, what is certain is that Class Dojo will be used across both settings from September 2026.

One immediate change you will notice in the New Year is a more consistent newsletter style across both schools. Starting in January, our newsletters will share key highlights from each year group, celebrate 'Spotlight Moments' of achievements outside school, include important dates, and feature a message from me (or from Mrs Cameron if your child is in the Junior School).

At the Infant School, we will also continue to celebrate how our pupils live out our school values through weekly certificates. These names will be shared in a short additional letter each week, ensuring that every achievement is recognised and celebrated.

Mrs Cameron and I have met twice this term to strategically plan for the future of the Federation and will continue to meet through the next two terms. These meetings focus on how we work across the schools to enhance educational opportunities and maintain the highest standards of care and learning for all our pupils.

We are also pleased to share that the whole staff body from both schools came together for joint safeguarding training. This collaborative approach ensures that every member of staff across the Federation is fully aware of how to keep our children safe and supported.

Our commitment to community engagement has also been evident this term. At Christmas on the Heath, both schools performed, creating a wonderful festive atmosphere. We have also supported each other's Christmas performances, celebrating the talents of our pupils across both schools.

We are delighted that there have been positive and supportive Governor visits this term. These visits have ensured that our School Development Plan is progressing well and

have provided valuable opportunities to develop further alignment across the Federation.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to begin a reading project that will bring together some of the Year 5 pupils from the Junior School to listen to Year 1 and Year 2 readers. This initiative will not only strengthen links between the schools but also foster a love of reading and build confidence in our younger learners.

Thank you for your continued support as we build a strong Federation. We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the coming term.

Best wishes and Happy Christmas

Mrs Cliffe