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Tuesday 27th June 2017
Sent home with children

Dear Parents/Carers

Instrument of Government

The governing bodies of Colvestone Primary School and Thomas Fairchild Community School have now met to discuss the proposed governance arrangements for the new Federation of the two schools.

The governance of the federation will be known as **The Soaring Skies Federation** and will come into effect on Monday 4th September 2017. Following federation there will be a single, newly-appointed Governing Board who will be responsible for both schools. The federation governing board will have members drawn from the current Thomas Fairchild Community School governing board and Colvestone Primary School governing board.

It is proposed that the new Governing Board will consist of **12** governors, as set out in the table below. This proposed composition of the Governing Board reflects statutory requirements.

Category of Governor	Number of Governors in each category	Method of Selection
Executive Head Teacher	1	Appointed by the nature of their role.
Parent Governors	2	Elected by parents and carers of children registered at respective schools. This number is mandated by government.
Staff Governors	1	Elected by staff employed across the schools. This number is mandated by government.
Local authority	1	Nominated by the Local Authority and appointed by the governing body.
Co-opted Governors	7	Appointed by the governing body
Total Governors	12	

We would welcome your thoughts on the proposed composition of the new federation Governing Body – please could all comments be set out in writing and delivered to either school office by **Friday 30th June 2017**. Once we have received all the comments we will address the points and then start the elections for parents and staff prior to the end of this term.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the Governing Body
Thomas Fairchild Community School

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Dona Henriques
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