

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Children and all Staff of the Devon Moors Federation,

As school governors belonging to the Governing Board of the Devon Moors Federation, it is our responsibility to oversee the running of our five primary schools; Copplestone, Filleigh, Kilmington, Shute and Spreyton. Part of our work is to ensure that all our schools are a safe and secure place for our children to learn and our staff to work.

Our Executive Head, Mr Mellor, reports to the Governing Board and we are tasked with ensuring that he delivers the very best standard of education possible for our children. We work alongside him and other members of the Executive Leadership Team, holding regular meetings throughout the school year. Of course, we all have to think about finances these days and another important part of the governors' role is to make sure that the budget is balanced and that the money we have is spent in the best possible way to benefit the children.

We receive regular reports from all our Heads of School, which not only cover the achievements by our children in the main subjects, but is where we also learn about what's happening in the school that affects their well-being, overall experience and those bits that make it a fun place to be and learn.

We don't just rely on written reports as we all try to get around as many of our schools as possible during the term. We can pop up at any time visiting classes, looking at books and chatting with the children or maybe visiting for an assembly or school production. These are great ways to really understand how the schools are doing.

As well as working with our federation's own schools, we have opportunities to share our knowledge and advice to other schools across Devon and also to learn new ways of doing things from them, to help to continually improve how our schools operate.

Although the role of a School Governor is a voluntary one, it is very rewarding in many ways. We are always keen to hear from people who think they would like to become a governor. You don't need to have worked in education at all. We just need enthusiastic people who are interested in ensuring that our schools maintain their very high standards. We would particularly like more parents or guardians of children at one of our schools to join the team.

So, if you think you might like to become a school governor or you have any questions you'd like to ask about the role, please contact our clerk, Charlotte Board at [clerk@devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk) and you can be connected to one of our existing governors for a chat.

I'd just like to wish everyone; children, staff and all parents/guardians/carers a safe and fun summer holidays and look forward to an exciting new school year in September.

With kindest regards,



Chris Dack  
Chair of the Governing Board,  
Devon Moors Federation

