

## Devon Moors Federation

Copplestone Primary School, Bewsley Hill, Copplestone, Devon, EX17 5NX  
Clyst Hydon Primary School, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2ND  
Filleigh Primary School, Castle Hill, Filleigh Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 0RS  
Kilmington Primary School, Wonford Road, Kilmington, Devon, EX13 7RG  
Lympstone C of E Primary School, School Hill, Lympstone, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 5JY  
Shute Primary School, Haddon Road, Shute, Devon, EX13 7QR  
Spreyton Primary School, Spreyton, Crediton, Devon, EX17 5AJ  
Upottery Primary School, Upottery, Honiton, Devon, EX14 8QT



21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Dear All

### A letter from the Chair of Governors to Children, Parents, Carers and Staff

I quite often start my end of year letter by saying something like “it’s been another busy year for the Devon Moors Federation”. Well this year has surpassed them all!

We have had no less than four OFSTED inspections over the last school year across the Federation, which we believe to be a record! Needless to say, everyone concerned, including the children, worked really hard to demonstrate what wonderful schools we have and all the inspectors departed suitably impressed.

The resulting GOOD gradings for all four of the schools, Filleigh, Upottery, Shute and Spreyton is fantastic. It demonstrates that the federation as a whole is flourishing and the support it offers really helps. But most of all, it proves that our individual schools are an amazing setting for our children to learn and thrive in. Inspectors were keen to point out their excellent nurturing abilities and how they secure a strong foundation for their children’s future growth. Pass the word around. Give our wonderful schools a shout out!

We will not only be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6s at the end of this term. Mrs Rousseau will be leaving her position as Head of School at Clyst Hydon and moving to become Headteacher at a school in Somerset. We thank her for her dedication over the past years and wish her the very best in her new position.

Also leaving us will be Mrs. Mellor, as she retires from her position of Headteacher at Lympstone. She will be greatly missed and everyone is sad to see her depart, but equally happy for her as she enjoys her new-found freedom of being able to travel outside of the school holidays!

Last, but not least, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Steve Mellor, Executive Head of the Devon Moors Federation, as he also heads into retirement. Steve started at Filleigh in 2004 as the acting headteacher, long before the Federation even existed. Indeed, he is largely responsible for its creation when, in 2010, he led the first partnership between Filleigh and Chittlehampton schools. Since then, with a name change or two on the way, he has guided the federation through many different phases. We are now eight very happy and successful schools, working in close harmony with each other, yet maintaining their individual ethos and characteristics. Thank you, Steve.

I am delighted that Mrs. Alison Mackey, who has been working closely with Steve as co-Executive Head over the last year or so, will take over as sole Executive Head of the Devon Moors Federation from September. Mrs. Mackey will continue to work closely with all of our Heads of School and the Governing Board and we are excited for what the new year brings. At the same time, Mrs. Mackey will be stepping down from her role as Head of School at Copplestone.



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All this means that we get to welcome three new Heads of School in September;

Mrs. Reynolds will be moving up and taking the reins at Lympstone.

Mrs. Clarke is moving from the Deputy role at Lympstone to become the Head of School at Clyst Hydon.

Miss Penny will be joining the Federation to become Head of School at Copplestone.

The governing board are delighted to be able to work with all three of the new Heads in the Devon Moors family.

If you feel you might like to be more involved with our family of schools and help us to ensure that they continue to thrive and give our children the very best start to life, have you considered becoming a school governor? We have a couple of vacancies for parents on the governing board and would be delighted to hear from you? To register your interest or if you would just like a bit more information first, then please contact the Clerk to the Governing Board at [clerk@devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk). Likewise, if you know of someone who is not a parent/guardian but has a possible interest in school governance, please ask them to make contact in the same way.

It looks like next year is going to be an equally interesting one in the Federation (albeit with less OFSTED visits hopefully) so I hope you all get a well-deserved rest over the summer holiday and good luck to all our Year 6s as they head off to their new schools.

Chris Dack

Chair, on behalf of the Governing Board, Devon Moors Federation.



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