



Foxhills Federation Board of Governors

Newsletter to Parents July 2025

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our third year of being a federation, the governors would like to thank all parents for their support to both schools. In federating, our primary aims were to provide continuity in curriculum delivery, share good practice, and promote a community spirit across the federation. Whilst much of this has been achieved, the staff are not complacent and strive to develop and embed ambitious standards of learning, behaviour and care across the schools.

Both schools have had Ofsted inspections since federating, the Junior School being the most recent. The inspector met with eight governors - we were questioned on how the GB monitors curriculum, finance, safeguarding, behaviour, equality and diversity, and about our vision for the school. We were very pleased to be rated 'Good,' - congratulations to staff, children and parents who contributed to the inspection.

Annual Parents' Survey

Thank you for supporting our annual survey of parents' opinions of the Foxhills Federation. Your responses are valuable to us in determining areas you feel should be improved, as well as your opinions on what we are doing well. The response rate across the federation, calculated against number of families was 36%, with responses for 35% of Infant School children, and 26% of Junior School children.

We appreciate your very supportive and constructive comments and would like to share some with you as below.

- *Yr 1. A lovely school to attend, feedback and concerns from parents is generally acted on straight away*
- *Yr 2. Topics are engaging and exciting. Club choice is good. PE twice a week is very beneficial as is the addition of forest school. The variety throughout their week keeps the children engaged, happy and energised at school. Enrichment program continues to do well.*
- *Yr 3. Children are proud of their school and identify with each other and the schools as a whole. The teacher tries to tailor teaching to the children. Facilities available to pupils are excellent. Teachers are caring and accessible.*
- *Yr 4. Academically the children perform very well and are well behaved. The teaching standards are high. The addition of forest school has been a huge positive in offering a different learning style. New sports clubs and tournament participation has been so much better this year, and the children really enjoy these opportunities!*
- *Yr 5. Good communication and well organised. The additional activities are fantastic such as forest school and swimming. The school provides a good all-round education.*
- *Yr.6 The school is well led, and the head teacher is very dedicated to the school. My child has a fantastic teacher who works extremely hard to support children in their class. They have made good progress and had the support they need most of the time.*

We asked you where we could improve our offer, and the following were the most frequently identified, our responses are in bold:

- *Streamline communications - currently there are too many/too few!*
We do try to keep communications manageable, but there are differing opinions on the frequency.
- *Parents would like to see the Headteacher and/or Senior Leadership on the school gate daily.*
We are striving to do this.

- *More PE and competitive sport.*
A new PE/sports curriculum has already been planned for 2025/2026.
- *More enrichment activities, forest school, external visits and residential.*
Subject leaders are planning enrichment activities for their subject for the next academic year.
- *More after school clubs.*
After school clubs are being reviewed to ensure a balance of clubs based on children's interests and talents.
- *Provide information on the curriculum to enable parents to help their children.*
Both schools publish the full curriculum on the website which can be found here: <https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=47>

We are already actioning these points and have looked carefully at all the points you have raised.

Payment for clubs and visits

We charge for school visits in accordance with the Charging Policy, which you will find on the school website. We look carefully at the costs for visits and always try to keep costs to a minimum. Unfortunately, the school budget does not stretch to funding school visits, and all clubs.

Improving the infrastructure by providing a car park

The school budget is allocated for educational purposes only. It is stretched to the limit, and much as we would like to improve parking, it is simply not possible.

Thank you again for participating in the survey, which will help us in our planning for next year.

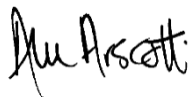
Vacancy for a governor

The Board is looking to co-opt a governor next term. Ideally, we would like to appoint someone with experience of safeguarding, or who would be prepared to undertake the appropriate training, as the designated governor has recently resigned due to professional commitments.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Chair of Governors A.Arscott@foxhillsfederation.co.uk Thankyou.

The governors wish all parents and children a happy and peaceful summer holiday!

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Chair of Governors

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