



Governor Notice 18th November 2022

To all parents, carers, teachers, staff, and governors of Bamford Primary School

As you are aware our headteacher, Kate Gemmell, is supporting Grindleford Primary School on a temporary basis whilst Grindleford Primary School look to recruit a new headteacher. The governing bodies of both schools have realised that there would be mutual benefit in a more formal long-term collaboration. For this reason, Grindleford Primary School's governing board has decided to put the recruitment of a new headteacher on hold whilst both governing bodies consider the possibility of a formal partnership in more detail.

The governing bodies will then be required to enter into a full and proper consultation on any proposals developed. We see the potential benefits to be:

- An opportunity to improve the education of our children through better deployment of both schools' resources
- Securing teacher/pupil ratios to support delivery of high-quality teaching
- Increased capacity to support teacher and subject development.
- Increased capacity and flexibility to share workload for all through collaborative working.
- Two stronger village schools through operational efficiencies.
- Career progression for teaching staff thus improving staff retention.

Prior to any decision being taken the governing bodies will seek your views and those of other stakeholders. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch on jirwin@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Yasmin Knight

Chair of Governors
Bamford Primary School