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Dear Parents and Carers

You are probably aware that there have been a number of developments in recent months in education. It has been made clear, in particular, that schools should be collaborating and working more closely together to provide mutual support and ensure best practice.

Like the great majority of primary school providers, we have no immediate plans to seek academy status or to join a multi-academy trust. However, we are certainly keen to work more closely in partnership with other local schools as we fully understand the benefits that this would bring.

As a result, we have agreed with a number of other schools to form the South Devon Primary Partnership. This will include:

- The Beacon Federation (Ermington & Ugborough),
- Manor Primary School, Ivybridge
- The Moorsway Federation (The Erme, Cornwood, Shaugh Prior)
- The South Hams Federation (Modbury, Loddiswell, Malborough, Stokenham)

In creating this partnership, each school will maintain its independence, unique identity and individual governance. We will work together in a culture of mutual trust to meet the following aims: -

- Promotion of good practice through focused Professional Development for all staff
- Training of the next generation of teachers, middle and senior leaders
- Optimising the use of funding where appropriate
- Providing a counterbalance to the potential isolation of small primary schools
- Developing a culture of mutual accountability to ensure the highest standards for all of our children

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Deputy Headteacher: Julie Solomon

- Consolidating relationships between the schools through extra-curricular activities

We are all very excited about the future of our partnership and the positive impact that this will have for all the children in our schools. We have already mapped out opportunities for staff and children to get together over the next year and we will be keep you regularly updated with everything the partnership achieves.

Sue Clarke, Devon's Head of Education and Learning, is giving the South Devon Primary Partnership her unqualified support. She has written

"It is good to hear that these strong primary schools are coming together to focus on children and to use their partnership to open up new educational opportunities. This also highlights the unique contribution of small rural schools and how working together they can both secure their future and stamp their identity on a changing educational landscape."

If you have any queries regarding this exciting new development, please do not hesitate to contact your school's Headteacher.

Yours sincerely

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