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The Governors are pleased to announce that following the statutory consultation, Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School and St Nicholas C of E Primary School in West Tanfield, have agreed to federate. Although the two schools will continue to retain their distinct identities, moving from Collaboration to Federation will provide many opportunities to enhance the quality of education the children receive through the curriculum, attainment, staff development and leadership.

The two Governing Bodies will be dissolved and one Governing Body will be formed. The role of the new Governing Body will be to hold the Headteacher to account for progress at both schools, including: finance, attainment, health and safety, policies and curriculum provision. We will keep you updated on timescales.

Thank you to all who attended the Consultation Meeting and /or provided feedback. This is a new chapter; a new journey; an exciting venture. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Cole-Brownlee and Carolyn Brown  
Chairs of Governors