

REPORT FROM FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 28th APRIL 2026

At the Full Governing Board (FGB) Meeting on 28th April Governors from across the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation (EVMF) met at Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall.

Governors ratified the new Head of School appointments at Silverton and at Brampford Speke. From 1st September 2026 Matt Brown will be the new Head of School at Silverton and Lily Nichols at Brampford Speke. Update reports were received and discussed on safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and SEND. Governors also received an update report from Heidi Last, School Business Manager, regarding school finances. As reported following the last FGB meeting, the federation continues to face challenges in managing its budget. This is mirrored nationally as schools continue to face financial pressures.

Mr Joliffe updated Governors regarding the Management Partnership with the South Hams Federation. The formal Management Partnership has come to an end, but it is hoped that collaborative work will continue in an informal partnership as this is mutually beneficial to both federations.

Governors had the opportunity to discuss the Federation Strategic Plan 2026 – 2031. The last Federation Strategic Plan was written in 2021 at the end of the pandemic. Five key aims have been identified that will shape the strategic direction for EVMF for the next five years: Sustainability and Growth, Educational Excellence, Inclusion and Well-being, Our Community, Our World, Our Future and Outward Facing Collaboration. Other stakeholders (staff, parents and children) will have the opportunity to discuss the Strategic Plan in due course.

Children remain central to the work of federation leaders and staff, and the focus of their work is to ensure that children across the federation receive the best possible education.