

REPORT FROM FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 2nd DECEMBER 2025

At the Full Governing Board Meeting on 2nd December Governors from across the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation (EVMF) met online.

Governors ratified the appointment of Leanne Penhallurick as Executive Head of the Moorsway Hub Schools from 1st January 2026. Governors also ratified the appointment of new school governors Adam Kinge-Whiteley (Cheriton), Andrew Withers (Thorverton) and Abi Leighton-Boyce (Newton St Cyres).

An update was received regarding church schools within the Federation and the work that is being done to ensure that these schools are ready for their SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). It was clear that the work which was being done in these schools was more than just ensuring they were prepared for inspection but also ensuring that the ethos, vision and values of each school was firmly embedded throughout the school.

Update reports were also received and discussed on safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and SEND. Governors also considered the federation budget and discussed the challenges facing the federation in managing its budget. As previously reported, schools across the country continue to face considerable financial pressures.

Following a period of formal consultation, governors agreed that Thorverton Pre-school should become a governor-led pre-school and therefore the pre-school will close on 31st December 2025 and re-open on 1st January 2026 under the EVMF's leadership.

Governors approved a number of reports and policies which will be published on the EVMF website.

It is clear that children are at the heart of all the work which federation leaders and all the staff do and they are committed to ensuring that children across the Federation schools receive the best possible education.