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As a former Head Teacher of Compton & Up Marden CE Primary (2002-2014) I wish to register my full support for the amalgamation of the school to a Federation with Rake and Rogate schools.

I have read the proposal documents and praise the team who have brought forward this merger as a means of securing the future and success of all three schools.

I fully support the need for new leadership to improve standards which have sadly declined from three GOOD Ofsted Inspections (2005/2008/2013) with Outstanding for Behaviour 2013 to needing improvement in all areas (2018). Without this injection of high leadership standards the school will decline further and will close.

In the past the school maintained good relationships with cluster schools which led to benefits for all staff and pupils. I see this amalgamation as a means of building these relationships with two similar small schools of Rake and Rogate. Good teaching practices can be shared, federation staff training organised, sporting, language and musical links encouraged and through these activities provide opportunities for both staff and pupils to mix with others.

Small village schools have a very special relationship within their communities including the Church. Compton has had a strong Christian ethos which has been the foundation of the school. These relationships need to be nurtured by the leadership team if numbers on roll are to return to levels of 100+ (2014.) to maintain the viability of the school.

Parents in the wide area which Compton serves need to see a well led, flourishing, exciting and happy environment in which to invest the future of their children.

I wish the amalgamation every success and the continuation of Compton & Up Marden School as part of the new Federation.

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