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Dear Joint Chairs of Governors

I was very interested to read the proposal for Compton & Upmarden CE school (CU) to join Rake & Rogate schools as the Downland Village School Federation (DVSF).

As a former teaching member of staff at CU for 20 years I feel qualified to comment on the proposed direction that the school is considering taking. I was saddened to hear of its potential closure due to falling pupil numbers and the disappointing Ofsted report which has highlighted the need for change.

I wholeheartedly agree that the federation would be the best way forward for CU. It would open up many opportunities and a chance for it to thrive again and return to pride of place in the local village community. It would offer pupils and staff the advantages of a bigger school with possibly the opportunity for shared staff specialism namely in art, music, STEM and PE.



One would hope that the EHT and the two Deputies would offer professional, coherent and compassionate leadership in order for the whole staff to feel valued and work as a team. This I believe should safeguard the future of this wonderful village school and for it to return to the happy, successful and thriving school it once was.

Yours sincerely

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