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Dear Governors,

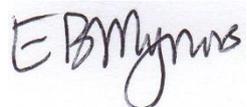
I am a former governor of Compton and Up Marden School, and I still lead the occasional Wednesday assembly in Compton Church (or online during the pandemic). I have been concerned for some time that Compton school has been going through a bad patch, and that its small size means that it cannot provide the depth in all subjects that is needed by today's curriculum, so that it will always be vulnerable to the threat of closure. The end of the school would be very sad, as it is a lovely school where the children really care for one another and receive a good grounding in the core subjects. It is also a vital resource for the local community which does not have many other things to coalesce around.

I think that the proposed federation with two other similar schools is a brilliant idea as it will enable each school to fill the gaps in the others and provide more support for 'back office' tasks like payroll and HR. The proposed arrangements for governance also seem very sensible as no school will dominate the federation. The new arrangement may also enable the group to provide teaching and facilities which no one school can provide on its own, such as transport for outings and more specialised teaching in areas such as IT.

This proposal will provide a bright new future not only for Compton and Up Marden but for the other schools as well, as we can all learn from each other and go forward into the future with a combination of the best from each of the schools.

I wholeheartedly support the proposal for federation, and I look forward to hearing how it progresses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Mynors". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'E' and 'M'.

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