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Mrs C Costello and Mr N Ryder

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Via email

Dear Mrs Costello and Mr Ryder,

On behalf of West Sussex County Council, I am aware that Compton Up Marden CE Primary School went through a public consultation on its future during 2019-20. The outcome of the public consultation and recommendations of the West Sussex County Council Cabinet was that Compton Up Marden CE Primary School became part of a federation. This was proposed to ensure that the school strengthened its capacity and also its partnership to reduce isolation and secure a stronger future.

I am fully aware of the discussions and work being undertaken by the governors at the school to find and secure such a federation partnership. I am pleased and supportive that, after a period of time exploring possible options, the governors have agreed to pursue a federation with Downland Valley Schools Federation (DVSF).

We wish the school every success as part of the federation and are sure that the strengthened partnership and capacity this will bring will be of benefit to the school community into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Wagstaff".

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Director of Education & Skills