

Forest Federation
of Soudley, Steam Mills
and Woodside Primary Schools



Letter from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff.

27.01.26

I would like to pass on congratulations and thanks to the federation's leadership team, Soudley staff and the children for their successful Ofsted inspection last week. Inspectors were very complimentary about the work of the school and federation in the feedback to Governors. Well done to everyone involved and we look forward to sharing the report with you when it is released.

Mrs Davis spoke to me in the Autumn to tell me of her wish to take early retirement at the end of this school year 2025/26. The governors are very grateful to Mrs Davis for giving us such early notice of her plans, so that we have the time for a thorough recruitment process to ensure that a new Executive Headteacher is appointed, and in place, for September.

Governors discussed the process of recruitment at their Full Governing Body yesterday and will, with the support of the Local Authority, begin the process of advertising the post, shortlisting applicants and interviewing, in order to appoint a new executive headteacher for the Federation.

I would like to thank Mrs. Davis for all her hard work and commitment to the schools during her time as headteacher, first at Woodside and then as Executive Headteacher of our Federation. We know how pleased she is that the inspectors at Soudley praised how our Federation works, how the staff help each other and work together across the schools to make each school stronger.

Regards,

Dave Wildin

Chair of Governors