



# LONG MEAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Waveney Road, TONBRIDGE, Kent TN10 3JU  
Telephone: (01732) 350601  
Acting Head of School: Mrs K. Follows



Friday 8 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

For the last 13 years, Long Mead and Hugh Christie have shared a Governing Body, known as the Tonbridge Federation, the Governing Body has had equal responsibility for both schools and for much of that time the schools shared an Executive Headteacher.

In September, parents were informed that in 2024 Hugh Christie will be joining the Leigh Academies Trust group of schools and that consideration was being given to Long Mead also joining the trust. Over the last few months the Governing Body has been working with the trust and it has been decided that Long Mead will not be joining the Leigh Academies Trust with Hugh Christie.

Whilst this will end the formal relationship between the two schools, both schools will continue to work together to support children in our community, particularly for those pupils who transition from Long Mead to Hugh Christie at Year 7.

In the early part of next year, a new Governing Body will be established for Long Mead that will have sole responsibility for the school, it is likely that many of the existing Tonbridge Federation governors will be a part of this new board and will bring continuity and a deep understanding of the needs of our school community.

During the past decade, Long Mead has benefitted from the collaboration and joint working with Hugh Christie, over the coming months we will be identifying ways that Long Mead could work together with other schools so that our small primary school community can continue to benefit from wider working with other schools.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Broom  
Chair of Governors