

# Dawlish Federation of Special Schools

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To: All Staff and Parents

In light of the Cabinet approved plans to merge Oaklands Park and Ratcliffe Schools I have worked with the LEA to strengthen the current Governing Body, increasing its capability and capacity to support the merger and to develop its links with other special schools in the Sentient Trust.

We are fortunate to have four new Governors join our team with immediate effect until September. These new Governors are experts in their fields, each with 20 years Governance experience and all with experience in special educational needs. Dr. Paul Gray, Martin Callaghan, Maggie Carter and Brenda Steel join us.

I continue to be fully committed to both Schools and the transition to form one new School. Sadly, however, I am not able to continue to devote the amount of time required to fulfil the demanding role of Chair of Governors and have therefore stepped down. Maggie Carter has been nominated and elected as Chair of Governors with immediate effect. I am delighted to welcome Maggie onto the Federation Governing Board and look forward to working with her.

Maggie has taught in special schools for many years, she is an Educational Psychologist, who is also a former Director of Education at Plymouth City Council. She is passionate about special needs education and has a wealth of governance experience being Chair of Governors at Millwater School and Chair of the Sentient Trust. I have every confidence that she will be a fantastic asset to the schools leadership.

Maggie has been visiting the schools and meeting some staff today and will be in again on Friday, and I will continue my handover to her over the next week.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Eul-Barker  
Governor