
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The School Governance (Federations)
(England) Regulations 2012**

PART 2

ESTABLISHING OR JOINING A FEDERATION

Procedure for schools proposing to federate

9.—(1) Where a governing body propose to federate with one or more other governing bodies and, where necessary, preliminary consent has been given, they must jointly with the other governing body or bodies publish proposals for federation.

(2) The proposals must contain the following—

- (a) the name or names of the governing body or bodies with which the governing body propose to federate and confirmation that that governing body, or those governing bodies, agree with the proposal to federate;
- (b) the proposed size of the governing body of the federation;
- (c) the proposed number of governors for each category of governor;
- (d) the proposed arrangements for staffing the schools within the federation;
- (e) the proposed federation date;
- (f) the identity of the admission authority or authorities for the schools within the federation;
- (g) the date, not less than six weeks after the publication of the proposals, by which written representations may be made to any governing body regarding the proposals and the address to which they should be sent; and
- (h) such other matters as the governing bodies consider appropriate.

(3) The governing bodies proposing to federate must publish the proposals by sending them to—

- (a) the Secretary of State;
- (b) the relevant local authorities;
- (c) the head teacher of each school;
- (d) in the case of any school with a foundation—
 - (i) the foundation governors; and
 - (ii) the trustees of any trust relating to the school;
- (e) where any of the schools are designated under section 69(3) of SSFA 1998 as having a religious character, the appropriate diocesan authority in the case of a Church of England or Roman Catholic Church school, or the appropriate religious body in the case of any other school;
- (f) all staff paid to work at any of the schools;
- (g) every person known to them to be a parent of a registered pupil at any of the schools; and

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- (h) such other persons as the governing bodies consider appropriate.
- (4) A copy of the proposals must be made available for inspection at all reasonable times at each school.