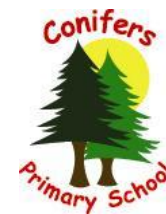


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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share some exciting news about our school's involvement in the '**Chesil Collaboration**' - a partnership of 7 Maintained Primary schools in Weymouth and Portland, who have expressed a commitment to work together to enhance opportunities for all children across the area. *We are not forming or becoming part of a MAT (Multi-Academy Trust).* As a group of schools, we are all proud of our independence and specific knowledge of the communities we serve – but we also recognise the strength of partnerships in respect of improving outcomes for all of our children and families in the Chesil area. The schools that have formed this Collaboration are:

Bincombe Valley Primary  
Conifers Primary  
Holy Trinity Primary  
Radipole Primary  
Southill Primary  
St Georges Primary  
Wyke Regis Primary Federation

As the Headteacher of Conifers, I am proud to be part of this collaboration, which, along with all of the Headteachers, staff and Governing Bodies, is firmly committed to inclusivity, excellence, and preparing our children for their futures, not only within, but beyond Weymouth and Portland.

Over the past year, we have already achieved a great deal through our partnership:

- Established strong staff links across all 7 schools, allowing us to share best practice and support one another
- Implemented shared training opportunities for our staff and Senior Leadership Teams
- Recruited a dedicated Parent Champion to ensure the voice of families is heard
- Participated in collaborative events such as the Chesil Poetry Festival, Chesil Literacy Festival, and Books and Stories with Bournemouth University
- The Chesil Literacy Project
- The Chesil Poetry Festival.

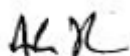


Looking ahead, we have ambitious plans to further enhance the education and experiences we provide for your children:

- Expanding music opportunities across the Chesil Collaboration schools
- Offering additional training for all staff, including programmes like 'Stormbreak' to support pupils' mental health
- Working closely with our local Secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition process for our Year 6 children

We are excited about the positive impact the Chesil Collaboration will have, and have already been fortunate to work alongside Marc Rowland – a Government Advisor and 'expert' in constructively using the Pupil Premium to support our children and participated in training with Paul Dix – a former Educational Advisor and published Behaviour Specialist, who's focus is on supporting schools and staff to provide emotionally safe learning environments. Together, we can ensure that every child in our community has access to the very best educational opportunities and are effectively supported to reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Andrew Johnson  
Headteacher

