

# **SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **FEDERATION POLICY**

The Board recognises that it may be advantageous in certain circumstances for schools to federate and acknowledges that collaboration between schools is important whether on a formal or informal basis. However, the Board is concerned to preserve and develop the Church of England foundation of its schools whatever their status. It is the Board's view that because of the reduction in the number of foundation governors required by the regulations, voluntary aided schools should only federate with other voluntary aided schools. Also, where it is proposed to federate voluntary controlled schools with other voluntary controlled schools, the proportion of foundation governors should at least equal the proportion prior to federation. Similarly, in any proposal to federate a voluntary controlled, or C of E foundation, school with a community school, steps must be taken to preserve the Christian ethos of the church school and the proportion of foundation governors should again at least equal the proportion prior to federation.

In any proposal to federate church schools under one headteacher, the Board must use its best endeavours to secure that the person appointed is able to maintain, strengthen and develop the Christian ethos of the school.

24 November 2005 (Board Meeting)