



As Chair of Governors of the Discovery Federation, I warmly welcome you.

Our two schools, New Brancepeth and Moorside, had already been working together under Louise Templeton as shared Head Teacher, and this was formalised in September 2019 when we became the Discovery Federation.

We chose the name 'Discovery' with care, in the belief that children thrive if they can approach school and life with a spirit of openness and a confidence that they can indeed discover more each day. The follow-on line, 'Fuelling Futures', sums up the same thing - our conviction that early schooling really does make a difference to the rest of their lives.

So in both schools you will find high standards and high expectations. Both schools set a context of care, respect and safety, with regard for the well-being of both children and staff. In that context, all staff pay attention to the specific learning needs of each child and work together to help them become the best they can be.

As a single governing body for the whole Federation, our duty is to oversee the strategic direction of the schools, to hold school leaders to account, and to monitor the finances of the Federation.

In these very challenging times, when more and more is expected from schools with less and less resources, we are proud of our staff and children.

If you wish to get in touch, to raise any matters, or to find out about being a governor, please do so via either school office or via the Headteacher.

Alison Moore

(Chair of Governors)