



The BAWB Federation
Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools
Mid-Dale Excellence in Education
Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear parents and friends,

We are pleased to enclose a copy of our Governing Board's Annual Governance Statement which will also appear on our schools' websites over the next few days.

It has been a very busy year in terms of governance. We continue to remain committed to a long-term strategy for our three schools and, as part of this strategy, the Governing Board would like to reinforce its resolve to finding a solution for our three schools in order to address deficit budgets. As previously stated, we will be spending the autumn term exploring a range of options in order that a decision can be reached by October half-term. In preparation for this, we have already held preliminary meetings with The Local Authority's Strategic Planning and Financial Services departments who are in full support of the processes we are going through to seek a solution. We are also liaising carefully with the diocese.

We also continue to keep up-to-date with wider changes and developments in education, especially linked to the Government's White Paper (Educational Excellence Everywhere) which includes careful exploration of the academy agenda.

We will continue to keep you informed throughout next term.

Wishing you a restful summer.

Kind Regards,

Derek Walpole

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