



The BAWB Collaboration  
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 Carers

### **Your children returning to school.**

Firstly can we thank you for your ongoing support during these strange and somewhat challenging times. The mental health and well-being of our whole school is at the heart of each decision that we make. We have considered the responses of our Parent Questionnaire (4<sup>th</sup> May), held discussions with staff and consulted our Governing Board.

By way of explanation we have set out some details below.

### **Three Schools**

We have decided to open all three sites at our Federation as this means we can use all of our space to keep our children and staff as safe as possible.

### **Bubbles**

We are required to have children in 'Bubbles' of 15 or less so we have created 2 Bubbles at Bainbridge on different days, 2 Bubbles at Askrigg, using different parts of the school and 1 Bubble at West Burton.

The Bubbles will operate as follows (subject to all our staff remaining well):

1. Two separate Bubbles of Nursery/Reception at Bainbridge-based in schools on different days. Group A led by Mrs Johnston and Mrs Iveson and Group B led by Mrs Loughlin and Mrs Baldwin.
2. Year 1 Bubble will be based at West Burton School and led by Mr Scrafton and Mrs Donno-Fuller
3. Year 6 Bubble will operate at Askrigg with Mr Greenway and Mrs Gamble
4. Key Worker Bubble will operate at Askrigg with Mr Billingham and Ms Labbate.

We are so looking forward to welcoming back the children to school. The staff have been in all three schools busy preparing for their return and putting in place safety recommendations.

Please explain to your children that school may LOOK slightly different but the familiar staff are here to support their learning and their play as usual.

We have been advised that children should wear clean uniform each day. If this is an issue then please put them in clothing of uniform colour – it can be school PE kit etc. This is in order to make it feel as much like school as possible. Sensible footwear is required as they may be doing PE and Forest schools at anytime during the week. Please do **NOT** bring a change of footwear.

We would like the children and staff to come up with some fun names for their Bubble so please be thinking about this before they return on Monday.



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### Arrival at school

We ask that NO parents enter any of our three buildings at any time. Staff will be on duty at the doors to pass on any information before and after each session. Can we please also ask that parents do not gather in the playground before or after sessions - keep a safe 2 metre distance at all times.

Please apply sunscreen before your child arrives at school.

At Bainbridge -Group A should arrive at 9.00 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Group B at 9.00 on Thursdays and Fridays. Children will need a sunhat, coat and named water bottle (filled at home) everyday please. They will be dismissed at 3pm.

At West Burton -Year 1s should arrive at 9.00 each day. Mrs Dunno-Fuller will be outside to receive the children and send them immediately to wash their hands before entering the classroom. So, you can remain in or by your car during the drop off and pick up. Mr Scrafton is going to finish each day with an outside activity so the staff will see you arrive at 3pm and send the children to you. Please remember Friday pick up is 12 noon. Children will need a sunhat, coat and named water bottle (filled at home) everyday please.

At Askrigg -Key Worker Bubble should arrive at 8.45 at the Children's centre entrance each day.

Year 6 Bubble will arrive through the school main door at 9.00.

They will also be released from this same door at 3pm for Key Workers and 3.15pm for Year 6 Monday to Thursday and all leave at 12 noon on Friday.

Children will need a sunhat, coat and named water bottle (filled at home) everyday please.

Parents please be aware of the very small car park.

### Further measures/arrangements

- Children should NOT bring anything else into the schools please.
- No child will be marked late as long as they arrive within half an hour of the start time.
- Opportunities for increased handwashing will be timetabled into the day.
- A system has been devised in Askrigg so that the two bubbles do NOT use the same corridors, they will play out at staggered times and have different playground toys.
- Deep cleaning will take place once the children have left the building-we have been assured by County Cleaners that their contractors have been fully trained in the execution of this.
- If a child falls over or has a toileting accident they will be encouraged to change themselves or clean up the wound wherever possible. Parents will be contacted if there is any issue with this.



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- PPE is available on each site for the staff to deal with any suspected cases of COVID 19. If anyone shows symptoms of the virus they will be isolated in a well ventilated room and parents will be contacted. Supervising staff will wear full PPE.
- If there is a positive case of the virus we will inform all parents (the new Track and Trace may kick in here too). If there is a case then all staff and children within the Bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or any of their close family are displaying symptoms of COVID 19.
- If your child requires an inhaler they must have it on their person at all times. The inhaler will need to be named.
- There will be no visitors into our schools - any essential maintenance work will be done once school is closed for the day. Our SENCO and IT technician will work electronically wherever possible.

Lunches - initially we will be serving packed lunches which will be delivered to the classrooms by the school cooks. Children will eat them in their rooms or outside, depending on the weather.

School Work -there will be a daily English and Maths lesson for all children and the afternoons will be structured with more practical subjects such as Art, Science, Humanities and when possible Forest schools.

Admin Cover - we are hoping to have admin cover at Askrigg each day. West Burton and Bainbridge will have partial cover and we will communicate this with you once finalised.

Finally, Transport - we will be working on transport to school for your child should you require this. We will communicate with you regarding this. Further details will be sent by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

As Headteachers we will be constantly reviewing our systems and talking to staff and pupils regarding their experiences. We are in daily communication with NYCC and our own Governing board who are both keen to make sure we are keeping our staff and pupils as safe as possible.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Best wishes.

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