



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

FOR ALL FAMILIES INCLUDING NEW RECEPTION

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to you our families and give you some final details about our return to school on Wednesday 9th September.

The Risk assessment drawn up by the EHT's and in consultation with the staff, Governors, LA, Local GP surgery and the Unions can be seen on the school website together with the ones submitted by our transport providers.

Our main priorities for the safe return to school are

1. Keep everyone safe
2. Lower their anxiety about the current situation
3. Make them laugh
4. Make them feel cared for
5. Teach them something

With this in mind, we are planning some Art/ Music activities punctuated with outdoor breaks and times to chat. We need our staff and children to re-connect.

At the end of this letter we will be explain how your child accesses the school transport so please read this carefully.

Children will attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they will attend in PE kit (with long trousers if required) and wearing suitable footwear. On Forest schools days please can they attend in PE kit and suitable (old) joggers/trousers and footwear.

We are aware that there is a delay with orders from School Trends, if you are affected by this please send your children in clothing as close to school uniform as possible until your order arrives.

PE days

Nursery/Reception (Robins) at Bainbridge-Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 (Owls) at Bainbridge-Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 (Swallows) at West Burton-Thursday and Friday

Year 3,4,5+6 (Skylarks) at West Burton-Thursday and Friday

Year 3+4 (Golden Eagles) at Askrigg-Monday and Friday

Year 5+6 (Merlins) at Askrigg –Monday and Friday

Forest schools

Robins at Bainbridge on **Wednesdays** for the first half term

Owls at Bainbridge on a **Tuesday** for the first half term.

Swallows and **Skylarks** both at West Burton are on **Monday** for the first half term.

Golden Eagles and **Merlins** both at Askrigg are on a **Friday** for the first half term.

The children may notice some very subtle changes in the school buildings but nothing has changed dramatically. We have had new dining room flooring at West Burton and Askrigg, new layout to the Year 1



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classroom at Bainbridge and the staff have worked hard to ensure their classrooms are warm and inviting and we have utilised all the entrances/exits so that children can keep at a safe distance from one another when moving around the buildings.

The main way that our children arrive at school is by bus so we are unable to stagger our start and end times to the school day. For those of you walking to school please make sure that your child is at school by 8.35 am at the latest. Please do not wait on the school grounds, once your child is taken into the care of a school adult then please leave the grounds. Pick up time will be 3.30pm. We will have staff outside the building ready to call for your child to be sent to the doors to meet you. Once again please leave the grounds as soon as you can.

At Bainbridge

Reception children will arrive through the wooden gate, say goodbye to their parents they will be guided to the cloakroom entrance.

Nursery children will also arrive through the wooden gate, parents can bring them to the side entrance (under the shelter) to say goodbye, staff will be on hand to support.

Year 1 will enter through the main school doors.

At Askrigg

Merlins will enter the school via the main doors.

Golden Eagles through the door adjacent to Sure Start to the right hand side of the building.

At West Burton

Skylarks will enter the building via the main door.

Swallows will enter via the playground door at the side of the building.

School meals

School lunches will return to the hot meal menu. Please see menu options on the school website and please pay via Parent Pay.

School Transport

Home-school County Transport is running as usual to the normal timetable. We have organised shuttles for all children travelling from home-schools to their taught school. **Please can we ask that children are dropped off promptly, shuttle buses cannot wait.** Any exceptions to this, families will be contacted separately.

As mentioned above we are concentrating on settling our children back into school and also fostering a good deal of independence (even for our youngest children) please be assured we are also making assessments regarding their progress and will inform you of any extra support they may need by October half term when we are hoping to hold parent consultation evenings.

Best wishes.

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