



**BAWB Community Engagement**

Dear parents, friends and members of the community,

You will be aware from communication last term that we have been preparing for a shared community engagement project for this term alongside colleagues at the Local Authority and the Diocese. The purpose of this is to set out the current financial and educational issues facing our federation at this time, to present some of the possible ways in which to address these, and to listen to the views and suggestions of all stakeholders during this process.

**What, where and when?**

We would like to invite you to one of our open drop-in sessions which will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at the following times and locations:

<b>10:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>National Parks Office, Bainbridge</b>
<b>1:30pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Askrigg Primary School</b>
<b>5:00pm – 7:30pm</b>	<b>West Burton Primary School</b>

Please note that, though we have organised separate sessions in all three villages, community members and parents of children at any of our schools are very welcome to attend **any** of the sessions. We hope that holding three sessions will enable people to choose the one that is most convenient. We also anticipate that the evening session may be a little busier, hence it being the longer of the three sessions, though each drop-in will follow exactly the same format:

**Format of the drop-in sessions**

It is our intention that drop-in sessions will enable all stakeholders to have the opportunity to ask questions and/or voice their views with the appropriate people in a more relaxed environment. There will not be a formal presentation but the sessions will be attended by a range of people (see below) who will be available to answer specific questions or provide specialist information. Any questions which we are unable to answer on the day will be recorded and answered at a later date.

**Information prior to the drop-in sessions**

In order to provide you with as much information as possible before these sessions, we are working on a detailed document which provides background and history, lays out details of our current position, and explores some possible future options. This document will be with you no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Supplementary detailed information will also be available on our websites on this date (much of which has been previously circulated).

**Who can come to the drop-ins?**

These sessions are public, and anyone with an interest in our schools, or with questions / views to share is warmly welcome to come along. Please note that if you are unable to attend, there will be a questionnaire and suggested format for your written contribution to this process after the drop-in sessions and that all contributions, either in person or in writing, will be considered in the same way.

**The following colleagues will be in attendance at the drop-in sessions:**

- Members of our Governing Board, including Charlotte Harper (Headteacher)
- Andrew Dixon (Strategic Planning Manager, CYPS)
- Mark Ashton (Strategic Planning Officer, CYPS)
- Sally Dunn (Head of Finance – Schools & Early Years / FMS Team Manager)
- Jo Mackle (Primary Lead Improvement Adviser, Education and Skills)
- Alison Johnston (Manager of Governor Support Service)
- Fiona Beevers (Deputy Diocesan Director of Education: School Distinctiveness)

We look forward to seeing you on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards,

Derek Walpole  
Chair of Governors

Charlotte Harper  
Headteacher

For and on behalf of the Governing Board