



Friday 22nd September 2017

BAWB Community Engagement

Dear parents, friends and members of the community,

I refer to our earlier letter to you dated 11th September regarding the proposed engagement around the challenges faced by the Federation, and potential future solutions. Officers from North Yorkshire County Council have been instrumental in supporting us with the preparation for this and have today advised us to postpone the process, on account of very recently received information.

The drop-in sessions scheduled for 4th October will now not take place and the release of the supporting document planned for release next Friday (29th) will also be postponed.

The reason for this is that, on Thursday 14th September, the Government made announcements regarding the National Funding Formula for Schools. This will have potentially significant implications for the amount of income received by the Federation for 2018/19 and beyond.

Indications are that we will see some rise in income but how much and when is as yet unclear. It is important that the information we present to you on the financial challenges we face contains the most accurate information available to us. However, along with all other North Yorkshire Schools, we do not know at this stage how much income we will receive in 2018/19 or subsequent years. Much of the financial information prepared for inclusion in the supporting document was based on a range of potential future models and their associated financial forecasts; in that context we feel it would be inappropriate to ask you to express opinion on potentially incomplete or out-of-date information.

During the remainder of this term North Yorkshire County Council will determine the funding formula to be applied in North Yorkshire schools for 2018/19 and it is hoped further detail on the implementation of the National Funding Formula will emerge. At this point it is expected that we will be in a position to commence the engagement in the spring term; we will continue to liaise with North Yorkshire County Council and the Diocese on the appropriate timing.

We can assure you that this is a postponement and not a cancellation. We remain committed to engaging with you and hearing your views and suggestions on the issues we face but have been affected by issues beyond our control at this time.

In the interim there will be no changes to any of the day to day arrangements for your children. If you have any further questions, please contact us at school in the usual way.

Kind regards,

Derek Walpole
Chair of Governors

Charlotte Harper
Headteacher

For and on behalf on the Governing Board