



## Letter from Chair of Governors

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear parents, carers and members of our community,

Now that I have had time to draw breath here is an update of life in BAWB in 2020.

### **Staffing**

As many of you are aware Miss Harper left for her maternity leave at the end of November and had her little boy Jude before Christmas.

We welcomed Mrs Lindley as Interim Executive Head Teacher (IEHT) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Mrs Lindley worked extremely hard and effectively in her short time with us, to ensure that we are OFSTED and SIAMS compliant, and so that we can offer an aspirational education to each child in the school where they can individually fulfil their potential and even exceed their expectations. A route that Miss Harper had structured and Mrs Lindley developed.

We were all very sorry to see Mrs Lindley leave. However, from January 20<sup>th</sup> we have welcomed Mrs Price, (who was IEHT during Miss Harper's previous maternity leave), who is back with us for 2 days a week – although she will be available more than this if needed. Mrs Harrison has written to all the parents of children in her class to explain how the new arrangement will work without there being any changes to her teaching commitment.

On your behalf and that of the Governors, I would like to thank Mrs Harrison for all she has done. A “rock” in very difficult times. I have written to all staff individually, as they have all been magnificent over the last few weeks in what can only be described as unprecedented times. We are really privileged to have such a professional group of staff.

### **Governors**

Many of you may already know that Mr Madley decided at the start of this term in January that he needed to give more time to his family and that as a consequence could not commit the time to the board. As a result, on the 6<sup>th</sup> January he resigned as co-chair and as a board member. Mr Madley has been a dedicated board member, always focused on the children and the wellbeing of staff, we will miss him very much.

This does mean that since 6<sup>th</sup> January I have been sole Chair, I am pleased that Mrs Di Clegg has become vice chair. Mrs Clegg has been a headteacher and was Chair of Governors at Askrigg before the board federated. I am very pleased to have her as vice chair with all of her experience and past knowledge to draw on.

In December, Reverend Tom Ringland, Vicar of Aysgarth in the Penhill Benefice joined us as a Federation Governor and we are very pleased to welcome him. Reverend Dave Clark is continuing as an Assoc. Member of the Governing board at his request and we are more than delighted that he is on the board.

Mrs Cathy Berg has sadly resigned at Christmas so that she could be more involved with her daughter's new school. Again, we shall miss her expertise, particularly in regard to children with special needs and we would like to thank her for all of her support and time during her time in the board.

Mrs Rachel Kettlewell will be joining us this term as a Parent Governor and we look forward to working with her, with her education and business background.

### **Inspections**

You will all know that Askrigg was Ofsted inspected in December and retained its 'Good' grading. Bainbridge had a SIAMS – Church School - inspection on 17<sup>th</sup> January. We are very pleased with how the inspection went and shall share the report with you once received (this will be before half term).



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Inspections of any type put staff under pressure and we are so grateful for the professional way our staff have responded to both of the inspections in such a short space of time. Mrs Johnston has been an inspirational leader, taking us through SIAMS along with Mrs Lindley, Mrs Harrison, Miss Collins and all the staff who were inspected.

### **Community**

We have elected Mrs Allison Calvert to be our Link Governor to our committee along with myself and the Vice Chair. Mrs Calvert is committed to working with the community and brings a positive help to the board. Mrs Calvert can be contacted by email on - [Allison.calvert@b-a-wb.co.uk](mailto:Allison.calvert@b-a-wb.co.uk)

### **Future**

We hope for a period of calm so that we can settle down and continue working hard at educating our children. The support and understanding of our parents/stakeholders is extremely important to us and we will do our best to keep you informed and up to date with what is happening at school. I am available for you to contact on [Heather.Limbach@b-a-wb.co.uk](mailto:Heather.Limbach@b-a-wb.co.uk) or if there is anything you wish to discuss then contact our School Business Manager – Mrs Kelly Boulton in the first instance.

A belated, but none the less sincere wish for a Happy New Year.

*Heather Limbach*

Chair of Governors