

BAWB Parents' Forum
 Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 17th May 2018
 7pm
 Askrigg School

Chair: Laura Alderson; Minutes: Kath Alderson	
Present: M Cooper; L. Alderson; C Bergs; C Hodgson	
Apologies: H Dalton; D Wood; J&F Cartwright; G Bottley; K Hodgson	
Minutes	Response
<p>Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair shared the letter that will be in the newsletter on Friday 18th May. The letter outlines the due diligence process regarding defederation that Governors and the Local Authority are undertaking. West Burton (WB) parents have requested defederation; the application will be made soon. They feel they now have communication channels in place, having gone to a higher level. The Chair said the Governors were not going to rush the process and consideration would be given they wanted the best structure that was educationally beneficial for the children as well as financially viable. It is a massive piece of work but Governors are aware that it is an unsettling time for children and parents. WB parents are keen to defederate before the implementation of Option 3A. If Governors vote not to defederate Option 3A will be implemented in September 	<p>Sadly, the request for defederation notice was delivered to Governors on Monday 21st May 2018</p>
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The texts and emails informing parents that schools were closed had worked well during the 'snow' days. It was felt that the website was not easy to navigate and that some of the tabs could maybe be renamed to make finding things easier e.g have a 'Newsletter / Letters' tab. The newsletter of 11.5.18 is not currently on the website The Option 3A consultation documentation had been removed – could it be put back in the Community Engagement section Would it be possible to have the Headteacher's email address (headteacher@b-a-wb.co.uk) on the website plus all the three schools' address, telephone number and email address It would be useful if the contact details mentioned above were also on the weekly newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That is good to know Thank you, if we don't know what's wrong we can't make it better. Mrs Alderson has spoken to the website people and the tabs have been renamed; the newsletter from 11.5.18 is now on the website as is the Option 3A information. The advice we received about emails was: <i>'We recommend that emails are not placed on the site in plain text, this is due to the fact that they are easily sourced by bots to send spam emails. This is why we implement a contact form with a reCAPTCHA system attached to avoid bots picking up the emails.'</i> Contact details have now been added to the newsletter

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting will be Tuesday 17th July, 7pm at Bainbridge School	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One parent asked that their thanks be extended to the Governors for all the hard work they have put into the consultation process – they realise it can't have been an easy task. They also said that many parents shared their feelings. They are also very pleased that their child is so happy at school.• The Governors present thanked her for her comment and said all decisions were always about what was best for the children in the Federation.• One parent also said how pleased they were with how SATs had been managed and that the Y6 children had found it to be a positive experience and hadn't been stressed by the process. Breakfast had proved to be a big hit!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very positive comments – thank you. • Again, thank you for your positivity
Meeting closed 7:27pm	