

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**To: All prospective parents and carers of reception pupils, starting in September 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with an update on progress with the proposed amalgamation of Aiskew, Leeming Bar CE and Leeming and Londonderry Community Primary Schools.

This week, the Council's Executive Committee met to consider these proposals at length. **I'm delighted to inform you that they voted unanimously to proceed to the final stage of the statutory process.** For those of you who are interested, I've attached a copy of the Council's report that the committee considered for your perusal. Additionally, the link below takes you to a recording of the meeting itself, as all Council meetings can be watched live in this way. Please watch from 53:38 for 6 minutes, if you wish.

[Council Executive Meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December](#)

Although a final decision will be taken in March, the decision made this week provides staff and governors with the reassurance we need to progress more confidently with our plans.

Our governing body has recently been busy. They've been consulting with all our stakeholders on a name for the amalgamated school. Our working party got together in November and chose **Leeming St. John's CE Primary School** as their preferred name. This choice has received strong support from parents and carers and this proposal will be taken to the next governing body meeting in January.

Applications for reception places in September continue to look healthy. Reassuringly, and with a maximum intake of 15 children, we're looking likely to get somewhere close to this figure.

Please remember that your application for a Reception place for September 2026 must be received by the North Yorkshire Council Admission Team by 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you miss this deadline, you'll be at a disadvantage and it's possible that you won't receive your first choice. If you'd like any support with your application, have more questions or would like another look round our school sites, please don't hesitate to get in contact with Mrs. Bowes in the school office. She'll be only too pleased to organise a meeting.

In the meantime, we hope that you have a very merry Christmas and a happy and positive New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr. M. White*

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