



January 31st 2025

Dear Families,

I am writing with updates regarding our transition to Tweedmouth West Primary in September 2025.

### **New classrooms for Year 5 and Year 6**

Our current Year 4 will be staying at Tweedmouth West as Year 5 and will have 2 brand new classrooms in place on the yard. The work begins during the Easter holidays and should take about 12 weeks. A Site Manager will be here to ensure the safety of the site. Our work with the children will continue as normal for the Summer term and we will use the field as much as possible for outdoor play and learning in the better weather. Access through the back gate to the Family Hub and Ladywell will still be possible and we have requested that this continues throughout as it eases congestion on the Osborne Road.

See the sway link for images of the buildings and site.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/MPdp87sBRuULkIPz?ref=email&loc=play>

### **New uniform to be phased in gradually**

To signal our fresh start as a Primary school we have taken the opportunity to start to change the uniform colour. We think that **navy** is smart, practical, readily available and different from the other schools in Berwick. We have planned a new logo with Fantasy Prints including our local landmark the Five Arches bridge, complete with a train to show that we are outward looking with broad horizons and keen to explore. This will be white embroidered onto navy.



The uniform will be:

- **navy** sweatshirt/ cardigan/ hoodie
- white polo shirt
- grey trousers/skirt/shorts
- blue and white gingham dresses in summer
- black shoes
- navy t-shirt for PE, with black shorts and trainers

Non-logo items are permitted and can be bought online wherever you choose for example: ASDA 2 navy PE t-shirts for £2. We **do not** expect everyone to change from red to navy by September 2025 - please keep using existing red clothes, hand-me-downs, books bags and our free donated school uniform for as long as you like. Ask at the office if you need anything.

### **New vision**

Thank you very much to the many parents who responded to our question: What do you hope each child will have learned or experienced by the time they leave our school? I was delighted with the responses and have incorporated the common themes into a new Vision, which is simply **To Be Our Best at Tweedmouth West**.



### **Vision: To Be Our Best**

- As children we want to be our best selves and bring our best efforts to school every day - working to the best of our abilities, being kind, bringing out the best in one another.
- As staff we will demonstrate our best every day by delivering an engaging curriculum, having high expectations of effort and behaviour, ensuring the needs of the children, our colleagues and ourselves are met so we can all bring our best to our school.
- As families we will ensure our children can be their best selves and achieve their potential by being loved and respected, well cared for, well prepared and supported. We will work alongside the staff to provide the best start in life for all of our children to flourish.

## The 5 Arches of Ambition:



**We can be our best when supported by the 5 Arches:**

### **Achievement, Skills, Kindness, Confidence, Voice**

**Be ambitious:** to achieve our potential, to be resilient with a strong work ethic and to have high expectations of ourselves and others.

**Be skillful:** in lessons and in life. Use critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, teamwork. Be ready for being independent by making healthy physical, well-being and relationship choices, being money wise and safe online.

**Be kind:** to ourselves, to others and to the environment, showing empathy and compassion. Listen to and understand others, and offer help and support.

**Be confident:** to try new things and have confidence in our own abilities, to feel successful and have self-worth and self-belief. Be proactive and make the most of opportunities.

**Be heard:** use our voice to speak up for ourselves and for others. Disagree well. Think before we speak. Develop vocabulary as the bedrock for thinking and learning. Listen.



### **Ethos:**

**Everyone Matters** - We expect everyone in our community to be respectful, to value one another's voice and to speak up for others and ourselves.

**Everyone Helps** - We expect everyone in our community to make good choices and look for ways to be helpful.

**Everyone Succeeds** - We expect everyone in our community to work hard, take opportunities, achieve to the best of their abilities and build skills in order to flourish.

We hope that you agree that the children, staff and families of Tweedmouth West live and work by these values making us a safe, happy and successful school community.

We are very excited for our plans for the future, as ever if you have any concerns or suggestions please come to us and let us know,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dalrymple and the Tweedmouth West Team