



**Silsden Primary  
School**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are buzzing with excitement to share some wonderful news with you – our school will be welcoming a brand-new bee hive on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental education and sustainability! Our hive will become home to a colony of honeybees that will help our pupils learn first-hand about the importance of bees in pollination, food production, and biodiversity.

With support and guidance from local trained and experienced experts of the British Beekeepers Association, pupils will have the opportunity to safely observe the bees and learn about their fascinating behaviour, life cycle, and the vital role they play in our ecosystem.

Safety is our top priority. Following advice and guidance from experts, the hive will be securely located in a designated area of the school grounds, well away from play areas. Steps have been put in place to divert the bees away from local footpaths. The bees and hive will be managed by members of the British Bee Keepers Association adults, using proper beekeeping equipment.

A thorough risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that pupils, staff, visitors and local walkers are safe at all times

Our longer-term plan is for some staff and some keen parents to undertake training with a view to being able to manage the hive ourselves and with the relevant safety equipment, pupils being able to visit the hive under close supervision. Please look out for this information in the near future.

We believe this is a fantastic opportunity to inspire curiosity and care for the environment, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you as our bee project develops – including the potential for school-harvested honey in the future, to be available to sell to parents!

**In order to launch this new part of our school curriculum we would like all children to come to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May wearing yellow and black. If people wish to wear bee costumes or head bands then please feel free to do so!**

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K S Russell  
Headteacher