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Keswick School became the lead school in Keswick School Multi Academy Trust on the 1st January 2017. The Multi Academy Trust is administered by up to five Members and ten Directors. The Head teacher of Keswick School is the Executive Principal. Bassenthwaite Primary School and Little Ducklings Nursery joined the MAT in January 2018. As the schools are Academies the Governors are also Directors of a company limited by guarantee.

Both schools are supported by their own Local Governing Body (LGB) with Governors overseeing different functions within the school depending on the responsibility delegated to them by the Directors. The LGB's support the work of the Board of Directors through taking decisions and making recommendations. The schools are also supported directly by the Department for Education.

KESWICK SCHOOL

Keswick School have their own Local Governing Body comprising of seventeen Governors including two elected Parent Governors and two elected Staff Governors.

Keswick School has 1350 pupils on roll, aged 11-18 years. The school is co-educational and comprehensive. There are 300 students in the Sixth Form and approximately 50 boarders. The school enjoys excellent relationships with the local community and its reputation is high in the Lake District and beyond. This is well illustrated by the large presence of day pupils from out of the catchment area who attend the school.

The school has 76 well qualified teaching staff. There is a Senior Leadership Team consisting of the Head teacher, two Deputies and three Assistant Heads. In 2012, Mr Simon Jackson was appointed to Keswick School as the eighth head in 114 years. The school has had no trouble in recruiting high quality staff and turnover of staff is low.

In addition, the school has access to additional resources through Keswick School Charitable Trust, a separate charitable trust.

BASSENTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LITTLE DUCKLINGS NURSERY

Bassenthwaite School is part of a small village community nestled below the eastern slopes of Skiddaw in the Lake District National Park. The Head teacher, Sara Royle has been at the school since 2007. The school was built in 1875 originally designated as a Church School.

Ducklings Nursery opened in September 2014. The school building is set within a spacious playground creatively marked for outdoor sporting and curriculum activities. There is a fixed external play system to encourage challenge and adventure. The outdoor environment provides stimulus for imaginative and role play. An outdoor classroom benefits the children's outdoor curriculum.

There are 30 pupils on roll at the school and 3 full time teaching members of staff.

The school encourages high standards of learning and behaviour whilst creating a warm, friendly and caring family environment for children from Nursery age through to Year 6. They offer a wide curriculum, tailored to the children's interests and needs, encourages our pupils to develop a love of learning and offer a full wraparound care on site as well as a variety of after school clubs.

Ofsted visited the school in May 2016 and found our school to be 'Good' and described that our "outstanding aspects of the school's provision identified at the previous inspection have been sustained. Pupils' safety and welfare are of paramount importance to everyone and pupils feel and are safe in school. Pupils make an excellent contribution to the school through their positive attitudes to learning, their exemplary conduct and considerate behaviour towards each other. Their excellent social skills, well developed literacy and mathematical skills, and self-motivation prepare them well for the next stage of their education."