



12th July 2018

Class Arrangements for September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will now be aware we have had a significant increase in our number on roll this year. We currently have 182 children in school and will be increasing to approximately 188 children in September 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain to families why this is possible when we have very limited space left in our classrooms and around school.

Each year group has a published admission number.

In our school the Reception and Year 1 groups have an admission number of 25.

(Future Reception cohorts will have an admission number of 25)

All other year groups carry an admission number of 30 (historic number that must stay with the year group until they leave)

This means that our school must accept a request for a place in year 2,3,4,5,6 if we have not reached our admission number of 30

There is no statutory limit on the number of children in a Junior class. Infant classes may not exceed 30.

We currently have 3 places in Year 3 and 3 places in Year 4 left in the whole school

Governors and I have been managing this increase in numbers this year by supporting increases in Teaching assistant hours and increasing resources.

For September 2018 we have decided to teach Year 3,4,5,6 in separate year groups every morning to ensure that the classes are smaller in pupil number for the core subjects of English and Maths. Additional teaching hours delivered by current permanent members of staff will ensure quality is maintained. One of the Junior classes will be taught in the hall (this will be set up with all appropriate equipment and resources). Children will then go back to mixed year group lessons each afternoon. The afternoon classes will have greater numbers of children, but we will ensure that each class has full support of a teaching assistant and learning support as required by needs of children.

Governors have discussed at length our future vision and premises requirements with the Local Authority and the Diocese. Please be re-assured that we will continue to develop the school and its accommodation to provide the best education possible for our families.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

Karen Price
Headteacher

Anna Shone
Chair of Governors