



Dear parents and carers,

Here at Endsleigh Holy Child, we are constantly looking for ways to refine our teaching and ensure our pupils receive the very best start to their education. Following a period of consultation with our Senior Leadership Team, I would like to share some exciting changes to our school layout and class structures, effective from the start of the new year.

Through strengthening our foundations and investing heavily in progress of youngest pupils, we will be splitting the Year 1 cohort into two smaller classes, led by Miss Gawthorpe and Miss Lister. Miss Lister's current reception pupils will be joining our reception classes, led ably by Mrs Leach, Mrs Fenton and Miss Whitton.

By significantly reducing class sizes, we can implement highly intentional teaching strategies, allowing for more one-on-one time and ensuring every child makes the best possible progress at the start of their KS1 journey. Smaller groups allow for deeper engagement, ensuring your child makes the best possible progress at this early stage in their education journey with us. We are confident that these changes will have a profoundly positive impact on your child's school experience and look forward to seeing our pupils flourish in these enhanced learning environments.

As part of this positive transition, we are also relocating two of our classes to better utilise our building and resources:

- Mrs Scott's Class 2 will move into the classroom currently occupied by Miss Moore.
- Miss Moore's Class 3 will move to the other side of the school hall into the classroom previously used as our resource space.

While the 'view' from the desk might be different, please be assured that both rooms are equipped with the same high-quality resources to enhance learning. Over the past two days, our staff (with the help of some very enthusiastic pupil volunteers!) have been busy transforming these spaces. The move has been carefully planned and executed during the final days of term. By involving the pupils in the transition, we've turned the move into a positive team-building activity. The new rooms are fully set up and ready to go for the first morning of the new term. The children have shown great excitement during this process, and we are confident they will continue to flourish in these refreshed environments.

The pupils in Class 6 also continue to flourish and should be very proud of their learning and progress during this first term of the year. As stated in earlier correspondence this week, Mrs Stapleton will not be returning to Endsleigh in the new year. Class 6 will continue to be taught by Mrs Adnitt from Monday – Thursday and myself and Mrs Marsh on a Friday. I will continue to oversee the planning and delivery of Class 6's teaching content and look forward to seeing our oldest pupils continue to strive in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

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