



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reception and Year 1

I am writing to inform you about some changes that will be taking place in our Reception and Year 1 classes due to unexpected staff absence. In order to provide the best possible support for our children, we will be combining the two classes temporarily and therefore they will be taught as a mixed-age class. Mixed-age classes are becoming more common as a response to declining pupil rolls across the country. I do wish to reiterate, this is a temporary measure.

While we explored the option of bringing in a supply teacher, we felt it would be more beneficial for the children to have a consistent adult during this time. Both classes are relatively small, which allows us to maintain a high-quality learning environment and ensure that all children receive quality teaching and learning.

Rest assured, the children in Year 1 will continue to follow their curriculum, engaging in their usual learning activities. Meanwhile, the Reception children will also follow their own Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, ensuring that they receive the developmental support they require. Children will be registered in and dismissed from their normal classroom and group work will take place across Reception and Year 1 classrooms.

Miss Barnes will be leading, supported by: Mrs Gardner, Mrs Longstaff, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Prentice and Miss Morris. Together, they will work collaboratively to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for all of our children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this temporary arrangement, please do not hesitate to reach out. I appreciate your understanding and support during this time, and I am confident that our combined efforts will benefit every child in both classes.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Yours faithfully

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