



# St. Mary's C of E School

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Headteacher: Mr T Milne

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Dear Parents,

After much discussion and consideration, we are pleased to confirm that the current system of running seven classes on a 'mornings only' basis will continue next year 2019/20. As you may know, the Governing Body has a long-term goal of running seven full-time classes with one year group in each class, however currently the finances available to run the school means that this is not feasible. We are continuously reviewing the feasibility of moving to seven classes on a full time basis and you will be kept informed of any changes for future years.

The teaching structure for next year has been finalised. As there are large classes of children moving through Key Stage 2 and lower numbers moving through Key Stage 1, we will be running 4 single year group classes in Key Stage 2. This means that the mixed afternoon classes next year will be in Key Stage 1. Year 1 will therefore be divided between Reception and Year 2 in the afternoons. Mrs Gooch will teach Year 1 every morning, in a class of 18. In the afternoons, the Year 1 children will be divided between the Year R class and the Year 2 class. This will result in an afternoon mixed Reception/ Year 1 class of approximately 25 children and an afternoon mixed Year 1/2 class of approximately 28 children.

Therefore, we can confirm that the class teachers for the academic year 2019/20 will be as follows:-

Reception: A qualified teacher (as yet not appointed) in the morning, then Mrs Gooch in the afternoon

Year 1: Mrs Gooch in the morning, then either Mrs Gooch or Mrs McCann in the afternoon

Year 2: Mrs McCann

Year 3: Miss Scrivens

Year 4: Mrs Harwood

Year 5: Mrs Buck for three days per week; a qualified teacher (as yet not appointed) for the remaining two days

Year 6: Mrs Gibbs

If your child is in Year 1 next year, the afternoon groups will be determined by their age. Therefore, the oldest children in the year group will work with Mrs McCann and Year 2 in the afternoons, and the youngest children will work with Mrs Gooch and Reception. Parents of September 2019's Year 1 children will receive a separate letter after half-term explaining the class in which their child will be taught in the afternoons.

It is possible that some year groups will be located within different classrooms to those used currently; this is to make the best use of the space we have, bearing in mind that some classrooms are bigger than others. This is still under discussion and will be announced as soon as it has been finalised.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please make an appointment to meet with Mr. Milne or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Fishbourne  
Co-chair of Governors

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