



The Dove Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers

Whilst schools have been closed to all children apart from key workers and vulnerable groups we have been busy planning for the future of the Dove Federation and what school will hopefully look like in September.

Those of you who have been parents at Parker's for some time may recall that when Parker's received its category 4 Ofsted judgement in July 2018 there was talk of both Parker's and Caston becoming academies and joining the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT). I am pleased to say, that at last the DfE have agreed that the consultation to join DNEAT can begin. If the consultation process goes well and these proposals are accepted, we are aiming to join them on the 1st October 2020. Within the next couple of weeks, we will be writing to all parents/carers to outline what this will look like and what will and will not change as part of this process, this will then allow you the opportunity to be consulted on your views about joining DNEAT.

During lock down we have been thinking about the effect of lock down on our children and what is the right to do for them particularly when they have missed such a large proportion of this school year due to the pandemic. This will have affected our children academically and socially and we want to do everything in our power to try and support them in both of these areas when we return in September. With this in mind we have made some changes to how we are going to be operating from September. These changes have been agreed by the staff team and the school's governors.

In September, we will be having a mixed reception and Year 1 class which will be taught by Mrs Lansdell. We really feel that this will be beneficial to our current reception children and will allow them the opportunity to have a transitional period between reception and year 1 with an adult who they are familiar with.

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"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10

Year 2 are going to be a stand-alone class, they will be taught by Mrs Burley and Mrs Mortimer. We are hoping that Year 2 being on their own will allow them to have an opportunity to catch up on any learning that they have missed in a very small teaching group where each individual can have targeted support.

Miss Okoro is going to remain as our Year 3 and 4 teacher and Miss Cooper is to remain as our Year 5 and 6 teacher.

Later on during this half term I will write to you again to outline which support staff will be working with each class.

Mrs Ward, one of our TAs who works across both schools, has asked me to write to all parents/carers to let you know that sadly her youngest son has been diagnosed with Leukaemia whilst we have been in lock-down. She wanted me to share this information with you as she wants the children to know that she is sorry that she is not going to be able to say good bye to them and she wishes them well as they move on to their new schools. I am sure you will all join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to the whole family at this difficult time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries or questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Disney