



# The Dove Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you as you have children joining us in September about some changes that are being made for the next academic year.

We have been growing increasingly worried about the effect the Covid-19 pandemic is having on our existing children at the school. They have missed such a large proportion of this school year due to the pandemic and this will have affected them 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 whilst also welcoming our new starters. 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 who are all in full support of these plans and feel that they will be of benefit to all pupils.

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. This will not affect the teaching that our new reception children experience as we utilise our staff to team teach phonics and other areas according to ability and we are lucky enough to have a highly experienced EYFS teacher and teaching assistant within the classroom.

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.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Disney

*"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*