

Lympsham Church of England Academy

"A Christian Community with Children at its heart"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2024

I am delighted to be writing to you today to confirm our updated plans for September 2024 and beyond.

Class Structures

Due to the current healthy pupil numbers at the school, I am thrilled to announce that as of September 2024 we will trial for one initial year, an expansion to five single form entry classes. The long-term viability of this option will only remain sustainable should numbers continue on a healthy trend and therefore we continue to be mindful that mixed age classes may return in 2025 and beyond.

Our class structure for the 2024-2025 academic year will be:

Unicorns Class Reception- Teacher: Mrs Gratton (using current Unicorns classroom)

Dragons Class Year 1 – Teacher: Ms Evans (using current Library classroom)

Elves Class Year 2 – Teacher: Miss Livingston (using current Elves classroom)

Griffins Class Year 3 – Teacher: Mrs Pennington (using current Phoenix classroom)

Phoenix Class Year 4 – Teacher: Miss Robinson (using current Griffins classroom)

Ms Evans will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher and leader of the wider Early Years Team. Teaching Assistants will be supporting across a number of classes and so more specific details about your child's class routines will be shared at the parent information evenings in September.

The timing of the changes to class structure will coincide supportively with the launch of our new Inquiry Curriculum which will help embed and transform the teaching of subjects such as Science, English, History and Art to name a few. Please see the school newsletter for further information about a parent curriculum workshop planned for September 2024.

Sincere apologies to those families joining us in Reception as we appreciate the plans have changed since our first Parent meeting, which was not our intention. Following on from Somerset confirmation of our pupil numbers on 9th June and subsequent to a further consultation within the Wessex Learning Trust we have only this week been given the approval for school expansion. Ms Evans will continue to play a vital role in your child's learning next year as Early Years Leader and Mrs Gratton, as many of you will know, comes to us as an excellent Early Years practitioner within our Preschool leadership team.

Mrs Gratton is extremely excited about the year ahead and the opportunities this new system will bring and is looking forward to meeting the reception class during transition morning on 3rd July.

New School Uniform

ConceptWear continue to be our school supplier of branded school uniform and uniform items including the new school logo will be available imminently for sizes 3-4yrs and 5-6years. The older aged garments displaying the new logo will start to become available once the old stock has sold out and so keep an eye out on their website for updates. We are more than happy for uniform displaying either logo to be worn during this transitional period. The school is carrying forward some brand new, old uniform stock, which we would like to offer at a reduced rate to our Lymsham families. We have a wide range of garments available in ages 3-6years including; polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers and coloured sports t-shirts, which will be on sale at the end of the school day next week. Invoices will be issued for garments chosen and payment will be required via parent pay before collection.

Second Hand Uniform Donations

For any families wishing to donate second hand uniform, we have made links with a local resident who is going to work alongside us, to set up a charitable donation system, transporting uniform to schools in Africa. A drop off box will be available in the school office throughout July and the Autumn term for any kind donations to be collected.

We look forward to working alongside you as we support your child/children during the 2024-2025 academic year and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Katie Whiting
Executive Headteacher

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