

3rd April 2014

SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear parent / carer

Further to previous notes home in which we have tried to keep you informed of local developments, I would now like to take this opportunity to thank the governors, pre-school committee members and County officials who have maintained a close dialogue over the last term. We have all been working together, very closely, to secure Early Years provision in the community (particularly for 3 year olds) from September 2014, following the need for pre-school to vacate their room so that the school can accommodate the anticipated growing numbers.

At the meeting of the full governing body on 1st April 2014, and following representations from the pre-school, it was agreed that the school would not be looking to admit 3 year olds into a Reception class from September 2014. Governors arrived at this decision after assurances from the pre-school that they would be looking to re-locate to a new site near to the school, but not on the current school premises, with a view to continuing with Early Years provision that includes 2 year olds, and with the aim to also deliver wrap-around care for school age children, from September 2014. Should any parents wish to declare an interest in this wrap-around care for 5-11 year olds, then the pre-school would be grateful if you would contact them at your earliest convenience so that they can gain a clearer idea of possible demand.

We are all excited by this very positive move forward and thank the pre-school for their resolve and determination in finalising plans. The governors also wish them every success and remain committed to maintaining the very positive relationship that has developed during recent years, such that children enjoy the best possible transitions from pre-school to school.

Though it has not been possible for either the school or pre-school to realise fully our original plans, due to factors from outside of each organisation, we are convinced that a quality service will be sustained and we all look forward to building further on its future success.

Clearly, the school is now looking to re-locate classes from September in order to ease pressures on classroom space, and we hope to combine this with some refreshing refurbishment of both the classrooms and classroom resources over the summer in order to enhance the children's learning environments.

Wishing you and your families a happy Easter,

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