



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

Class Organisation for January 2019

As you know from information I wrote in newsletters before half term, our Governing Board have made the decision to move to four classes from January 2019. As you will be aware, we have had an influx of pupil numbers here at Langton. This is very good news for us as a school as additional pupil numbers ensure sustainability for the future, an increased school budget for resources and more friends for the children to choose.

Our class sizes this term, whilst in line with many schools across the country, have been bigger than Langton is traditionally used to. We have, however, managed to maintain smaller teaching groups by utilising our extensive and capable support staff to good effect. Mrs Laverack and Miss Boyle have been doing a fantastic job of planning across the year groups they teach. From January 2019, in her capacity as a qualified teacher, Mrs Cummings is going to support their work by taking on a teaching role for the next two terms. Mrs Cummings and Miss Auckland already deliver some lessons within the weekly timetable in their current capacity as Higher Level Teaching Assistants. By changing the structure of our classes, Mrs Cummings will be planning and delivering her own lessons which from a practical point of view, promotes ownership and facilitates even closer attention to planning for individual children. Therefore, as a result, we will have four registration classes. Mrs Laverack will continue to register Reception and the youngest members of Year 1. Mrs Cummings will register Year 2 and the oldest members of Year 1, Miss Boyle will register Years 3 and 4, and Mr Walker Years 5 and 6.

Teaching organisation across the school will be very similar to what it is now as already some Year 1 children are working in Maths and English groups with Year 2 pupils. This will continue and help us plan according to need. All Year 1 children will be with Mrs Laverack after the register in the afternoon and Year 2 children will be in a small group with Mrs Cummings during the afternoons. As Mrs Cummings already knows the children well, we can ensure continuity for the children's learning. Year 2 will be following the same topics as Class 1 and 2 but will also additionally enjoy some Forest Schools work which we are going to be rolling out more fully across the rest of the school in due course. For parents with children in Years 1 and 2, I am sending you an additional letter outlining the registration groups.

As our school continues to go from strength to strength, we are absolutely committed to maintaining our small school, family-centred ethos. Any decisions that myself and our Governing Board make are considered at length and always with the best interests of our children at heart. This temporary arrangement has been agreed to take us to July 2019. At the beginning of the Summer Term, our Governors will be considering the best scenarios for class organisation for September 2019. This will, of course, depend upon cohort sizes and budget constraints next year.

I thank you very much for your support. If anybody would like to come and discuss this in more detail with me, please do come in and see me.

Kind regards,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

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