



2 July 2010

Dear Reception Parents

I am writing to you to give you an overview of the arrangements for the 2010/11 for Year 1.

Even though we are now anticipating the same overall number of pupils (39) in September's Year 1 as there are at present in Reception, we decided that the children would benefit from being in smaller classes. Since each class has its own teacher and dedicated Teaching Assistant, the teacher:pupil ratio will be extremely good (six adults for 39 pupils, or less than 1:7).

In order to have this extra class, 1S will be in the Portacabin; 1B and 1MS will be in the usual Year 1 classrooms. In the past we have found that children really enjoy being in the portacabin and usually find it rather special - their own space flooded with light, and being in a vibrant place at the heart of the school. For the transition between Reception and Year 1, there is still an emphasis on maintaining a good level of outdoor activity which the children will find accessible as their classrooms will look into two sandpits and the main playground. The three Year 1 classrooms will still be within 30 yards of each other so we shall aim for as much integration of all the children as possible. We are of course ensuring that all the resources and facilities of each Year 1 class are similar; we are liaising closely with Mrs Salmon to ensure that she has everything she needs in the portacabin.

If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Piers Heyworth'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Piers Heyworth
Headmaster