

Dear parents,

I know that these are unusual times but nevertheless we are currently putting plans in place to allow the safe return of all of your children in September. Clearly parents will want to know what the staffing arrangements for St Edmund’s will be in the new academic year. The purpose of this letter is to keep parents up to date with the changes that will take place.

**Headteacher**

I will be returning to St Joseph’s Withnell in September after completing two full terms here at St. Edmund’s. Mrs Annette Birmingham will take over as Headteacher from September. Mrs Birmingham is currently the deputy Headteacher of St Anne’s in Ormskirk and will take over as Headteacher in a fulltime capacity for the Autumn term at least. This will be a secondment for Mrs Birmingham – Mrs Birmingham will write to introduce herself to parents in the coming weeks.

In the meantime the Governors will seek to appoint a new full-time permanent headteacher as soon as possible with a view that the new Headteacher will take their post in January 2021.

**Classes**

I will be speaking with Mrs Birmingham this week. As part of our discussions the exact class arrangements for next year will be decided. When a decision has been made and staff and Governors have been informed then we will write to you and let you know who will teach your children next year. Previously I have written to parents to let you know that Miss Baxter has joined our school on secondment from Woodland Primary school to teach Nursery and Reception class and Miss Buckley will remain in Year 5/6 for the next academic year. The Governors will seek to appoint a new teacher in the coming the weeks to teach Year 1/2 .

Clearly the current circumstances will mean that the above timescales are simply what we hope will happen. If circumstances do change then the appointments may be pushed back.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all parents for making me feel so welcome during my short time here as Headteacher.

Kind regards

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**Headteacher St Joseph’s and St Edmund’s**

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