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West Wight Schools reorganisation implementation update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school year enters its final half term, the Governing Bodies of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth and of All Saints' Church of England Primary School would like to inform you of the next stage in the West Wight Schools reorganisation process.

Throughout the planning process our aim has been to provide the best education for the children of all three schools and to ensure their safety, health and well-being. This has also meant exploring a variety of options for the transition period until the new school is built.

The Covid-19 factor has created new conditions for all of us. We are working with the Local Authority to meet the requirements of the DfE guidelines to ensure the children's safety. Pastoral support will also be offered to all children when they return to school. We recognise that the start of the new school year may be the first time that some children will return to school since March, and they will require different levels of support. So far as we know, the overall timeline for the transition project is not affected but we will keep you informed of any changes.

September 2020:

In September, 48 children, previously at All Saints' CE Primary School, will move onto the roll of Yarmouth CE Primary School in keeping with their parents' wishes. For most of these children, their education will continue at the All Saints' site until the start of the building programme in Spring 2021.

Mrs Grainger will be the headteacher across the Federation, supported by her deputy, Mrs Westhorpe. There will be a lead teacher on each site across the Federation and the children will be taught by teachers employed by the Federation. The Federation leadership team, together with the Governing Body, will ensure the children's education, safety, and well-being will be at the forefront of every decision made.

The structure of the classes will be the same in Yarmouth and Freshwater:

Freshwater site:	Yarmouth site
Class 1 / 2	Class R
Class 3 / 4	Class 1 / 2
Class 5 / 6	Class 3 / 4
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Information about the Federation staffing structure will be released shortly with full details of Class Teachers, Learning Support Assistants as well as Family Liaison, Emotional Literacy and Administrative support.

The children will follow the Federation curriculum which has strong links to the Federation values of Respect, Determination and Relationships. This will enable all the teachers to plan together and resource the learning experiences across all sites. Regular links will be maintained between the children on the Freshwater and Yarmouth sites through visits and trips with a transitional focus, as well as linking into Federation activities.



On the Freshwater site, an effective and personal teaching environment will be created by following the current model of reducing the use of the existing building to ensure it is fit for purpose, utilising the playing fields and playground space and all the necessary facilities a school requires. Arrangements regarding school lunches, PE, after school clubs and childcare will be released as soon as they are confirmed.

Spring 2021

After careful review of all options with the Local Authority, including those within the wider Freshwater area, it was concluded that the only suitable option to continue the children's education, once the building project starts, would be to deliver education at the Yarmouth site. The Local Authority will provide four modular classrooms with toilet facilities and has agreed to invest in creating additional play space and new moveable play equipment. Temporary parking will be arranged for staff and parents in the adjacent main Yarmouth car park. These arrangements will support the temporary increase of the school's size effectively. A plan will be available on the Federation website later this term.

Timetable and class arrangements for Spring 2021 will be finalised nearer the time and informed by our knowledge of all children at that stage. Other arrangements for the children when they move to Yarmouth, for example school lunches, PE, after school clubs and childcare will also be shared as soon as possible.

Spring 2022

While this is some way away, the Local Authority has worked closely with the Governors and Leaders of Yarmouth CE and All Saints CE Primary Schools to ensure that the Department for Education Priority School Building Programme will provide a new school fit for purpose for the West Wight Community. The designs and plans will shortly be available for everyone in the community to view during the Local Planning Authority approval process. There will also be a link on both school websites.

Transport to Yarmouth

The Local Authority have confirmed they will be providing transport, from Freshwater to and from Yarmouth CE Primary School, at the beginning and end of each school day for children attending the Yarmouth site for the duration of the implementation. Parents will be contacted directly to ascertain further need for transport between the sites, whether with the children or for events, and will work with the Local Authority to accommodate this. We will keep you informed of further details once they become available.

Uniform

The LA will be providing funding, managed by the school, for new uniform with the Yarmouth School logo (3 polo shirts or combination of polo/dress, sweatshirt, or cardigan & book bag). Children are welcome to wear their current All Saints' school uniform until such time renewal is required. The Federation uniform supplier is The Big Wight T shirt Company and can be contacted via their website <https://www.bigwight.com/>. In addition, good quality second-hand Yarmouth uniform has been made available at All Saints reception.

Pre-school arrangements

Little Stars Pre-school will continue as usual on the Yarmouth site until the new school building in Freshwater is completed. It will then move to the Freshwater site as part of Yarmouth CE Primary School's 2-11 provision. Freshwater Early Years Centre is an independent provider and should you require more details, please contact them directly.



Church/Diocesan links

Under the stewardship of Reverend Leisa Potter, Yarmouth CE Primary School looks forward to continuing its role as a Church of England School and working with both Yarmouth and Freshwater Churches to enhance the children's spiritual lives. Rev Leisa is already a familiar face in both schools due to her support as both a governor and a member of clergy who leads worship.

As a result of the collaboration between the schools' two Governing Bodies and the Local Authority, we are now able to move forward with the construction of a new school building that will meet the needs of the community now and for the future. This is a long awaited and necessary new school, which addresses a surplus of school places whilst ensuring sustainability of an excellent education for the local community. The new building will be environmentally efficient, be built near to where most of the children live, reducing the local carbon footprint, and will meet the needs of education in the 21st century.

We are certain that, with the support and backing of the West Wight community, our school will be a real success as part of a strong Federation and provide an excellent education for families in the West Wight now and long into the future. We, both Governing Bodies and all staff, have every confidence that the children will thrive in their new environment and their quality of education will go from strength to strength.

With best wishes

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