



Lydbrook Primary School

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ROBINS NURSERY

Dear Parents/carers,

7th May 2021

I am writing to inform you on behalf of the Full Governing body that from September 2021, Lydbrook Primary School will be running as a four class school with an attached nursery (Robins). This means that we have had to make the very difficult decision to reduce the number of classes from five to four. This decision has not been taken lightly and is due only to a declining number of pupils on roll. As pupil numbers fall this affects the amount of budget the school receives to support the salaries of the staff, the curriculum resources and the maintenance to the buildings. This decline in numbers has been anticipated and we have been doing everything we can to reduce costs in as many areas as possible to try and prevent this becoming a reality. We have also tried to market the school further in order to attract more families to choose Lydbrook Primary. Although numbers are rising in our Early Years' classes, they are not yet high enough to support five classes for the next academic year.

This is not only a Lydbrook issue. The number of children in the Forest of Dean has been dropping over the last few years and other schools in the area, are also facing this situation. The school staff are having to go through a restructuring process because of the situation and we are grateful to all the staff for their full co-operation in such difficult circumstances.

As a result of this, Mrs. Claire Townsend of Woodpeckers class has made the difficult decision to apply for redundancy and with great reluctance and sadness the Governors have accepted her application. As you may be aware Mrs. Townsend has been a committed professional to the families of Lydbrook School for over 30 years and has taught and cared for so many children in her time here.

Sadly, the process has not yet completely finished as the teaching support staff are having to go through a similar process as we are having to cut the hours available. This process is due to be completed by the end of Term 5.

We understand that this news may concern you as this will mean a change in how the classes will be set up from September. However we are confident and want to reassure you that the children will continue to receive the high level of care and education that Lydbrook prides itself on.

Once the full process has been completed, we will write to you all again informing you of the set up for September as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Tammy Roberts

Chair of Governors (on behalf of the Full Governing)

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