



# Benwick Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Class structure for September 2020

Despite the lockdown and the necessary concentration of our energies on the day to day at the moment, we have also had to plan for September. As you may know, schools are funded on the number of children on roll and therefore school structures must alter accordingly with their numbers. It has been important to the school to retain 5 classes for as long as possible, however this is no longer sustainable within our current Local Authority allocated budget and from September we must move to a 4 class structure until such a time that our budget allows us to change it. This will mean that our structure will be a little different; where there are split year groups in years 1 & 4, consideration will be made to social and emotional, as well as academic, strengths and needs and we will make class allocations with the best interests of the children at the forefront. We will let you know which class your child is in towards the end of term.

We have recruited recently and are delighted to have appointed two new, very experienced, teachers for September. Miss Norris will be covering Miss Angell's maternity leave in Doves and Miss Macleod will be teaching Robins. Our thanks go to Mrs Palmer and Miss Stone who have covered Robins on a temporary basis while we have taken time to make sure we make the very best appointments to the teaching vacancies we have had. It is often the case at this time of year that staff move on to further their careers and, having trained to teach with us and completed her Newly Qualified Teacher Induction at Benwick, Mrs Smith will be moving on to a local school to continue her career and we wish her every success and happiness!

### Class Structure from September 2020:

Class Name	Year Groups	Teacher/s
Robins	Reception/Year 1	Miss Macleod
Doves	Year 1/2	Miss Norris (Miss Angell – maternity leave)
Owls	Year 3/4	Miss Wakefield/Mrs Piper
Swans	Year 4/5/6	Miss Baker

We know change can be worrying, however we are excited about September, when we will hopefully be welcoming all our children back to start a new chapter in Benwick Primary School's journey into a bright future.

Best wishes,

Clare Talbot - Headteacher