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Loving one another, building each other up

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about a change in our class structure that will take place from the start of the 2025-2026 academic year.

From September 2025, the school will move from operating four classes to three. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made in response to a continuing decline in pupil numbers, which reflects a broader national trend linked to falling birth rates. As fewer children are entering the education system, many schools—including ours—are having to adapt to ensure the most efficient use of resources while continuing to provide high-quality education for every pupil.

The class structure will be as follows:

| Room Name | Year Groups | Class Teacher |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Holly Leaves | Pre-school | Mrs Powell |
| Holly Berries | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 | Mrs Richards and Mrs Cox |
| Chestnut | Year 3/Year 4 | Mrs Walters |
| Maple | Year 5/Year 6 | Miss May |

I also would like to share that Miss Pearson will be moving on from her role here at Littledean at the end of this year, as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her professional journey. She has made the decision to pursue a new career path outside of mainstream education. During her time with us, Miss Pearson has been a valued member of our team and has made a lasting impact on the lives of many children and families, and her presence will be greatly missed.

We understand that changes like these may raise questions, however I would like to reassure you that our priority remains the wellbeing and academic progress of all children. We are excited about the creative opportunities that this new structure presents and have clear plans regarding how it will work to ensure that all children get exactly what they need from their educational experience here at Littledean C of E Primary School.

If you would like to discuss this further, please to speak to either your child's class teacher or myself.

I am confident that, with the continued support of our dedicated staff team and our parent community, we can make this transition a positive step forward for the school.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.