

# Worthington Primary School

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"We Only Reach for The Highest"

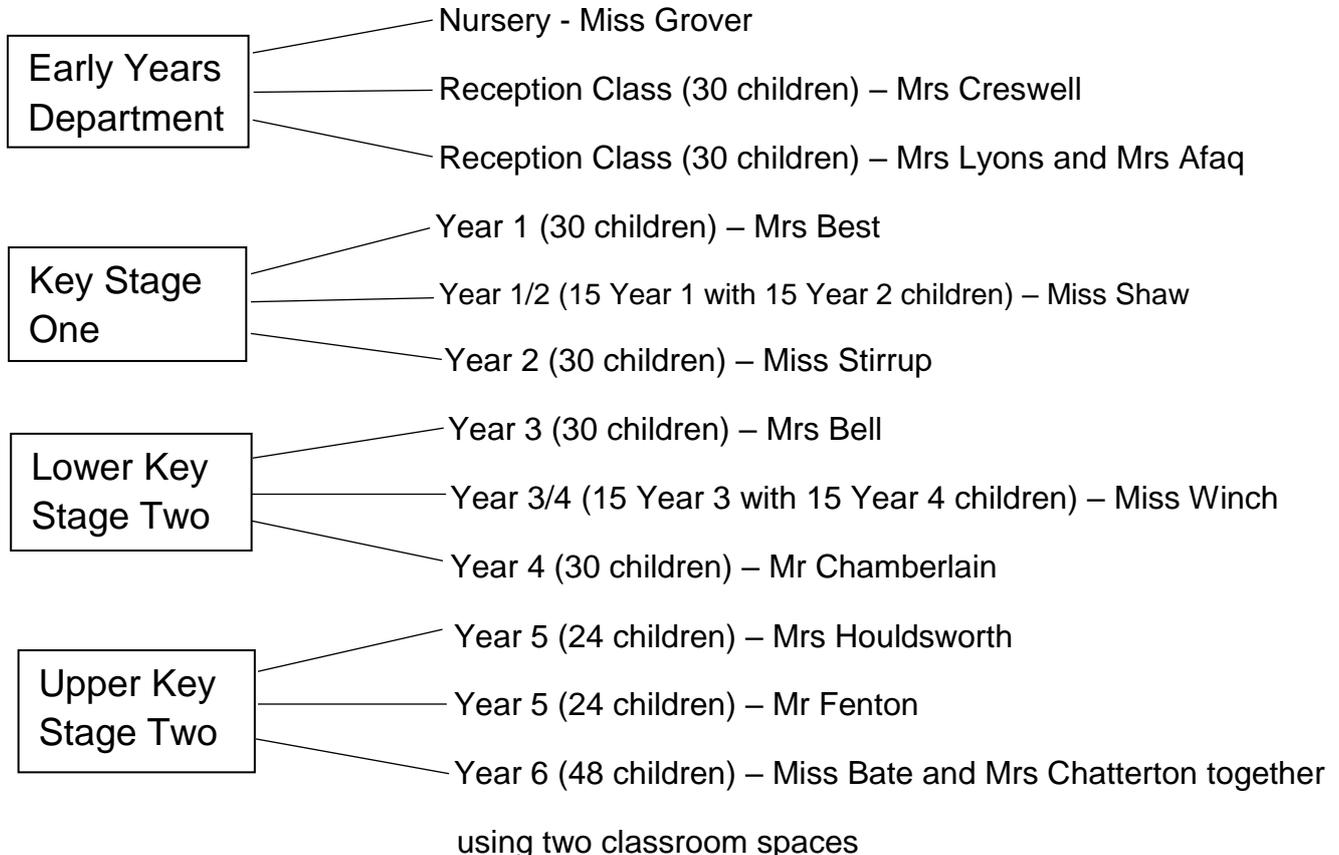
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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

From this September, and every year from now on, we will welcome 60 new Reception children to school. These children will work through school in two classes of the same aged children. In a few years, the school will have 60 children in every year group, not 45, and therefore the need for vertically grouped classes will no longer be the case. This has long been my greatest desire and indeed that of staff and the governing body, and I know how popular this will be with all parents. It took me fifteen years to get the building this school deserved. It has taken me twenty-two years to achieve what this school needed in terms of admission numbers but as they say, 'all good things come to those who wait'.

Although the organisation of our school in the new academic year is far from straight forward and may be subject to change, I provide the following information to give context to our intended class structure blueprint from September 2020:



## Upper Key Stage Two

Due to coronavirus, completion of our new extension has been delayed by approximately six weeks. Work should have been completed by September, but now, our additional classes will not be ready until October half term 2020. Trafford school admissions department were planning on increasing our upper key stage two numbers from this September. The delay in building work puts the increase in junior numbers back by half a term and means that as new upper key stage two children begin to arrive during the early part of the coming school year, the class list structure may change slightly.

Trafford's Admission department inform me they anticipate that the first influx of new children will be in next year's Year 5 and Year 6, hence the reason why we have left our Year 5 classes with 24 children each. Until October half term, we will need to teach a small rotating group of Year 6 children in our studio. This group will interchange throughout the weeks up to October half term, so that we will treat all our Year 6 as one class being taught by Mrs Chatterton and Miss Bate, with break out opportunities. As our Year 6 numbers increase and following our move to the new extension, we will create two classes of 30. If numbers in Year 6 do not increase as Trafford expects, we will create two Year 6 classes of 24.

If numbers in school rise sharper in other year groups than is currently anticipated, we may be able to remove vertically grouped classes sooner than we had originally planned in order to best serve all our children.

Every single child is at the very heart of our decision-making. It is this that drives and will always drive our thinking to move our school forward.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Searle', written in a cursive style.

Clive Searle