



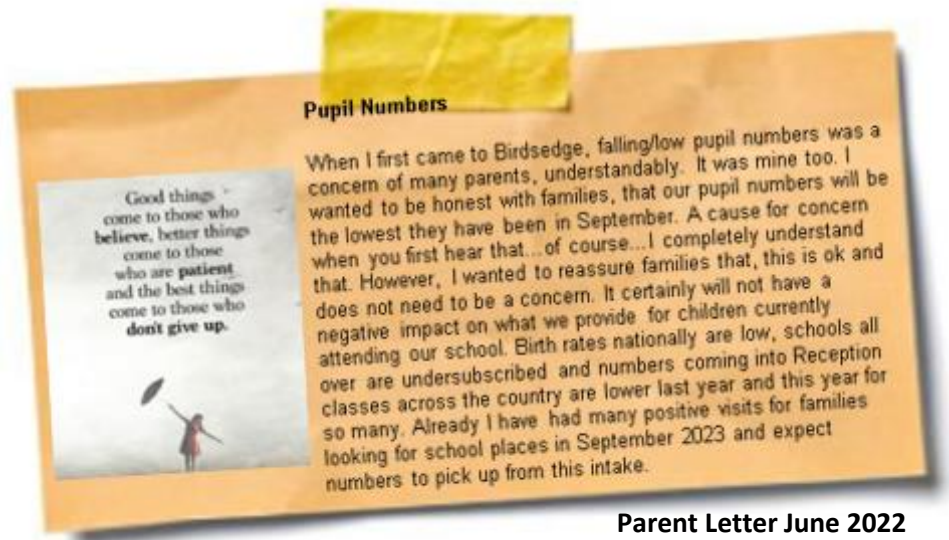
# Birdsedge First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you, with an exciting update for Class 1. In Summer 2022, I wrote to you all and provided a parent meeting to share that class structures were changing due to our expected low numbers. At the time, I remember that feeling really hard and going home feeling so sad and worried. I remember though really hanging on to the affirmation that I shared with you, a snippet of which is here:



Parent Letter June 2022

I told myself that there would come a time when I would be writing to you again and be sharing that once again we were making some changes to our class structures but this time it was because our pupil numbers were increasing...and here I am, exactly with that news. With our most recent intake doubling this September, more pupils joining us over the first term and more pupils enrolling for next half term, we are now feeling very full in class 1. Therefore, from this half term, the following things will happen:

- Miss Hutton will still be responsible as class teacher for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- We will be adding capacity to Class 1 with more of Mrs Breeze's time, especially in core learning during the morning sessions
- We are moving our resource provision into the community room through the school day
- We are turning the current resource provision back into a classroom setting.
- Year 1 and Year 2 will use a more formal classroom setting for their core learning in newly set up classroom setting. We will support children to transition into this over this week and will make sure that this will only feel exciting and grown up!
- At the same time Reception will access their core learning in the current class 1 classroom so they can access a fuller Early Years Provision with more space and more time for learning through play and exploration – exactly what the Early Years Curriculum should be.
- Children will still belong to Class 1 and will work together at times through the day where this is appropriate but spend more time in two smaller, Key Stage specific groups for more focused teaching.
- Children in each group will be taught by a qualified teacher at all times (Miss Hutton or Mrs Breeze) and supported by the support adults who currently work with them – there will be no change to the adults



who work with all children in Reception – Year 2, we just aim to provide a better environment practically that allows all children to get what they need.

We will make sure this doesn't cause disruption to children, only develop and improve the provision we can provide them. We plan this to be smooth and supportive for children and you perhaps wouldn't really be aware of any changes if we hadn't told you. However, we simply wanted to keep you well informed and support any conversations at home that might happen as the children experience some different learning groups and environments.

If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss more specifically personal to your child, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Waddington', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs D Waddington