



18th March 2024

### Changes to our Early Years classes

Dear Parents and Carers of our Nursery and Reception Children,

After the Easter Break we are making some changes to the way that our Reception Class and Nursery provision runs. We are trying these changes this week. We now have pupil numbers of just one class of reception children due to families moving out of the area. We also have one nursery class of children.

Our Early Years curriculum, numbers and classroom provision will work very successfully operating as a unit. This means that the children in nursery and reception will be working together across the classroom spaces and outside. Some of the time, depending on the learning, they will also work as individual classes. Working as a unit has been successful at Oldfleet previously and also works very well within other schools in our Trust.

Mrs Morris, our Early Years Lead, is going to be the Reception Class Teacher for both Voles and Shrews. They are going to be renamed as the **Field Mice class**. The nursery will be the **Harvest Mice class**.

Mrs Pearson is going to be the Reception Class teacher at Priory Primary School which is another school I am responsible for in our Trust. Mrs Pearson is sad to be leaving the children in her class but has ensured that there is a smooth transition for the children to the new way of working. We would like to wish Mrs Pearson well in her new role, she will be missed by the children and staff at Oldfleet.

Mrs Brown (Learning Associate) is going to be working with the year 1 children after Easter and will still see the children in school.

#### The adults who are working in our EYFS unit are as follows :-

Mrs Morris (Field Mice, Class Reception Teacher and EYFS Lead)

Mrs Hodgson (Harvest Mice, Class Nursery Teacher)

Mrs Gregory (Lead Learning Associate)

Mrs Kerman (Learning Associate)

**The children are familiar with all of these adults and have already been working successfully as one class some of the time this half term. This week they will be working as a unit so that they are all set when they return after Easter.**

We will invite you into school to see how the provision works after the Easter break but if you have any questions about this change please do not hesitate to come and ask Mrs Morris or Mrs Hodgson.

Thank you for your continued support

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