

# Kingsway Infant School

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Dear Families

With the announcement of our new classroom I am sure you have many questions and I will try to answer them all when/if possible.

Questions I have been asked so far:

## ***What does temporary expansion mean?***

At the moment County are only planning one year at a time.

Under the current plan we have been allocated an extra class so that would mean:

2012/13 we will have 3 Foundation Stage classes.

2013/14 we will have 2 FS classes again but 3 Yr 1 classes,

2014/15 we will have 2 FS classes, 2 x Yr1 and 3 x Yr2

2015/16 we will be back to two classes per year again.

## ***Where will the new classroom be?***

The plan is to site the new classroom on the land next to purple class - next to where the boat is now.

All of the climbing and balancing equipment, small house etc will be relocated down to the barked climbing area which will be extended to give us an improved climbing and play area.

## ***What other changes will there be?***

We are planning a total change of classrooms to ensure this is even better provision than we currently have.

Foundation Stage classes will be in the new building, purple and blue classrooms

Year 1 will move around to the current reception classes

Year 2 will be in the middle classes - Yellow and Green

## ***Why?***

I have always felt that the FS playground needed to be bigger. The three classes will now be able to use the entire playground for their Child Initiated Play. This will give more room for increased physical development activities, bike riding, ball skills and of course increased access to the climbing and balance area when dry.

Yr 1 pupils will now have access to an outdoor area for their afternoon CIP activities

Yr 2 classes will be right in the middle of the school

## ***Who will be teaching my child and in what classroom?***

	Teacher	Pupils	Room	New Name
FS	Miss Byrne	New Children	Purple	Dolphins
FS	Ms Recska	New Children	Blue	Parrots
FS	Mrs Glaysher	New Children	New	Lions
Yr 1	Mrs Labor	Current Red Class	Orange	Giraffes
Yr 1	Miss Dunderdale	Current Orange Class	Red	Seahorses
Yr 2	Mrs Toombs	Current Yellow Class	Green	Bears
Yr 2	Mrs Foulsham	Current Green Class	Yellow	Tigers

## ***What about Teaching Assistants?***

There will be some changes of class and some changes of hours.

All classes to have a full time assistant

To start the year all three FS classes to have an extra assistant every morning for literacy and numeracy work

Ideally the extra class will have an extra TA all year - subject to budgets and staffing

## ***What about Lunchtimes?***

We will of course have an extra Midday Supervisor to bring our happy team up to 8 staff. (We are already training her up so we are all organised.)



Every Child Matters

***Where will we line up in September?***

We will have cones/markers of some kind as a temporary measure.

We have not renewed playground markings while all this discussion has been going on and now that building works will start I will not get this done until the start of the new term - realistically the new classroom is unlikely to be finished until the week before we come back in September. I cannot risk new markings being spoilt by contractors.

***How do we apply for a place for a child in the new class?***

We no longer have anything to do with admissions so I have spoken to Mary Ridge in the Admissions Office and she explained that if you applied online you will have clear instructions as to what to do.

If you did not apply online or you want to make a fresh application you can download a 'What can you do now?' leaflet which you must fill in and send back to the office. This must be received by them by **27th April**.

She also advised that if you did apply online but are having any difficulty then download the 'What Can You do Now' leaflet and follow the same steps.

***When will it all start?***

The planning, measuring and tendering etc are all going on as you read this. It is likely that work will commence as soon as we break up for summer and I have been assured that we will be able to access and set it up in the last week of the holidays. Some grounds work may start before the end of term as long as it is safe to do so.

***What next?***

I would welcome your comments and if you have any further questions please write them below and I will try to answer them in subsequent newsletters.

You can of course always put a note in the parents suggestion box (checked daily), or give me a call.

Change is always tricky but I really feel this is a positive move for our lovely school and I thank you for all the kind messages of support I have been getting this term.

*Caroline T-Walmsley*

**School Expansion – Questions & Answers**

**Comments/ questions**



Name ..... Child's name..... Class .....