



**Nurture, Grow, Flourish.**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near Christmas and the end of the year, we look back and reflect upon all that we've achieved together in such challenging circumstances. I thank you for your patience while we've managed our way through each challenge and the support you've given the school throughout the year. Together we've made the very best of the situation and everyone at the school is committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children.

We are proud of our school and the standing it has in the local community. It is a result of this, that every year when we admit 60 children to our Reception classes, we are unable to offer many families within our community the opportunity to join our school.

As we begin to look towards admissions for 2022, we have been asked to explore how we might include more children from the Melksham community into life at Forest & Sandridge CE Primary School. Initially, we would increase our planned admission number by 15 in Reception and we will grow gradually over time.

I know that the news of a potential expansion will bring some concerns to our families and the community. Please be assured that at every step, if this were to go ahead, the children would be at the heart of all decision making. Moving from our previous school site in 2015, we have successfully grown to a school of 420 whilst maintaining our Christian ethos and vision at the heart of all we do. In 2015, the growth to the school was rapid however the growth on this occasion would be small and gradual.

We are able to offer many children within our local community the unique and welcoming experience at our school where our children are nurtured, they grow and flourish. This is an exciting opportunity to ensure that more children living in close proximity to the school are also able to benefit from attending our school. It's my belief that any growth should lead to further improvement for the outcomes for our children.

Any plans to increase our planned admission number will go under consultation and you'll be asked your views on these potential plans. We'll also be taking in the views of staff members, community, and other organisations in the locality.

I want to assure you that no decisions will be made until the consultation has taken place and your views have been heard. In the next few days you'll receive further information. Please read this carefully and comment accordingly.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Biles-Wood  
Interim Headteacher