



# Nansledan School

Head of School: Mrs V Dilnot

## Update on Class Structures and Transition Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

Usually, at this time of year, we would be in the midst of preparations for end of year celebrations and transition. We would also be looking forward to the new school year and pupils and staff would begin to prepare for the year ahead.

Circumstances have impacted on so many areas of school life and many of you will understandably have lots of questions about what school will be like when we re-open to all pupils in September, how will classes be organised and staffed and how will we support your child's transition. Unfortunately, we do not yet have all of the information necessary for finalising arrangements but we will do our best to keep you informed. I recognise that this must be un-nerving for you, as parents, and our pupils. I am sorry I cannot give further clarity just yet.

The Department for Education guidance for the full reopening of schools in September 2020 has just been published and we are now busily working through every detail so we can formulate a safe, comprehensive and of course, fully compliant plan of action. We are looking forward to all of our pupils re-joining us in the new school year and are committed to ensuring that they know what to expect on their return and are therefore more able to look forward to a fresh new chapter.

In addition to significant disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Nansledan School is in its infancy and will continue to experience growth and change in these initial years. As a growing school, our class structures will change over the next few years, providing school places for families moving into the area or pupils living locally who are without school places. Over time, the growth will result in a 14-class structure (two form entry) and the addition of our planned Nansledan nursery. The speed of the growth very much depends on in-year admissions adding to our expected 60 pupil intake at the start of each new Reception year.

When class structures change, we will always endeavour to ensure careful decisions are made based on the bigger picture, our professional knowledge and, most importantly, our knowledge of the pupils. We will then work to ensure pupils are prepared for any changes and supported so that they can begin the year with confidence and a sense of excitement.

At this stage, we are predicting that we will have a total of three KS1 classes and three KS2 classes for the coming academic year. It is likely we will have two mixed-year classes in lower Key Stage 2 but have not yet been able to finalise details of this just yet. We are awaiting confirmation of in-year applications in addition to staff appointments.

Once we have further detail, we will assign pupils to named classes (and teachers) and will communicate this to you and our pupils to help prepare ahead of the new school year. Our transition arrangements will undoubtedly be a bit different this year but we will find ways to support

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our pupils as they look ahead to September which is likely to include photos and short video clips. Like you, we want to prepare pupils as best we can for their return to school so they feel positive about the year ahead and know what to expect.

I very much look forward to introducing you all to new staff members coming to join the Nansledan team, in addition to the new children and families who will be joining our school community.

Thank you again for your continued patience at this challenging and unprecedented time. We very much look forward to starting a fresh new year at Nansledan and cannot wait for our pupils to re-join us.

With kind regards,

*Mrs. Vicky Dilnot*

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