



St. John's CE Primary School

Growing and learning together
Sharing the love of God

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to EYFS – 2019

We are excited to tell you about our new plans for this academic year for our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision at St. John's. We will be moving towards more of a shared approach and will work as an EYFS unit. The Reception and Preschool children will have the opportunity to explore and take part in learning experiences across the two classrooms and outdoor areas.

Alongside Mrs Coyle, our Reception teacher; Miss Alice Rist, also a qualified teacher, will be teaching primarily in the Preschool but will also be working with our Reception children at various points during the day. Miss Rist brings a wealth of Early Years experience from her previous school.

Reception children will participate in more adult led activities than the Pre-school children, as has been our practice in previous years, and they will be completing group learning activities with an adult daily, e.g. for Maths or Literacy. Reception children also have more teacher-led taught sessions than the Preschool children do, e.g. for Phonics, as is appropriate to their age and their stage of learning. There will be times when we do operate as a single class, e.g. for P.E. sessions, but the majority of the time will be spent with all staff and children working as part of an EYFS unit – an approach that has been highly successful in other schools within DSAT.

You will be able to see what your child has been learning on Tapestry and we hope that you will contribute your own 'Wow moments' on Tapestry too.

We look forward to working in partnership with you.

Thank you,

Mrs Aze and the EYFS Team.



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