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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some exciting plans for September.

This year has marked my first year as Headteacher at Lamphey Primary School. I would like to thank you for the warm welcome, support, and commitment to our community, the children's learning and happiness that you have shown. It has been a year of listening, reflection and careful planning. I am very pleased to be able to move forward into what I believe will be a new and exciting phase for our school – one rooted firmly in growth, strength and opportunity for all pupils. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead this school to the end of this year. I am very excited about the developments that have been seen already and relish the opportunity to ensure that this school goes from strength to strength, aiming for excellence and the very best for our learners.

#### Developing Our School Environment

Since I have joined, a significant amount of work and planning has been taking place behind the scenes to develop and improve our school building and grounds.

As part of our commitment to creating the very best environment for our children, we have carefully reviewed and prioritised a range of building improvements, with significant works planned for the summer period to minimise disruption to learning.

These developments will bring clear benefits for all pupils, including:

- Enhanced indoor learning environments  
Improvements to classrooms will ensure brighter, more comfortable and better-resourced spaces, supporting high-quality teaching and learning.
- Improved use of space across the school  
Adaptations will allow us to make the most of our building, including creating more flexible areas for small group work, nurture support and enrichment activities.
- More effective, purposeful learning spaces  
Upgrades will ensure classrooms remain calm, purposeful and well-suited to pupils' needs with development of spaces that provide nurture, support and creativity.
- Stronger outdoor provision  
Developments to the school grounds will enhance opportunities for outdoor learning, play, and physical development—an important part of every child's school experience.





- A learning environment ready for the future

These improvements will help ensure that our school building reflects the high standards and ambitions we hold for all our pupils.

This work represents an important investment in the future of Lamphey Primary School and supports our wider vision of providing a learning environment where every child can thrive.

We are developing 2 new learning spaces within the school building, with a whole school/community library which will be a wonderful space to really embed and extend our focus on reading. Also, we will have a space dedicated to the arts with music and art readily available for children, ensuring that we can offer a nurturing and supportive environment to children who need further support and intervention academically or socially.

### New Class Structure for September

From September, we will be introducing a revised 6 class structure across the school. Please below a list detailing the class names, year groups and staff within each class. All classes will have a teacher and support for this academic year ensuring targeted support can be given developing each child to their full potential. Staff have chosen carefully and professionally, taking into an account a wide variety of information including peer relationships, strengths and areas for development to make the best choices for learner classes. This mixed age approach is well-established in many successful small and large primary schools, particularly those in strong village communities like ours, and it brings a number of important benefits for children.

Barafundle – Nursery: Miss E Alborn, Mrs M Eddison

Poppit Sands – Reception and Year 1: Mrs L Williams, Mrs C Rees, Mrs R Bevans Turner

Waterwynch – Year 2 and 3: Mrs S Meiring, Mrs A Russell

Freshwater West – Year 3 and 4: Mr R Price, Miss L Elliott James

Skrinkle – Year 4 and 5: Miss A Lewis, Mrs L Harvey

Amroth – Year 5 and 6: Miss C Pegg, Mrs M Bowmer

In addition to this, Mrs D Jones will be returning full time and will be teaching across all classes with a strong focus on health and wellbeing. This will also enable consistent and high-quality planning, preparation and assessment for teachers to ensure we can always give the children the best curriculum and standards. This will be a significant improvement and will allow many opportunities which have not been currently available with the current structure.

Mrs A McGilloway will also be teaching across classes. As our Science Lead, she will be focusing on leading outdoor learning, ensuring that we uphold our vision for these outdoor opportunities are central to our curriculum and whole school vision. Pembrokeshire National Parks are delivering staff training when we return to ensure we are utilising our incredible outdoor school environment and the local area to its full potential, to develop real life learning opportunities and this will be a real area of focus for us next year.

We will continue to have our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant working here on site, targeting support to children who need to access support for their wellbeing and social communication, utilising the new nurture space that will be created for them.





### Why Mixed-Phase Classes?

In a thriving village school, mixed-age classes allow us to:

- **Provide a more personalised learning experience**  
Teaching is carefully adapted to meet each child's individual needs, ensuring appropriate challenge and support at every level.
- **Promote independence and confidence**  
Children develop resilience and independence as learners, taking greater ownership of their progress.
- **Encourage leadership and responsibility**  
Older pupils act as role models, supporting younger children, which strengthens confidence, empathy and communication skills.
- **Strengthen peer relationships across the school**  
Children build friendships beyond their own year group, contributing to our strong sense of community.
- **Enhance collaboration and social development**  
Working alongside pupils of different ages fosters cooperation, patience and respect.
- **Ensure long-term sustainability and stability**  
This structure enables us to maintain smaller class sizes where possible, maximise adult support (including the use of support staff), and use our space effectively to benefit all learners.

### A Fresh Start

This change represents more than just a structural adjustment — it is part of a wider vision to ensure Lamphey Primary School continues to grow as a nurturing, ambitious and high-quality learning environment.

We remain fully committed to:

- High standards of teaching and learning
- Strong pastoral care and wellbeing
- Maintaining friendships wherever possible
- Supporting every child to thrive academically, socially and emotionally

Staff have been working carefully to ensure that classes are organised thoughtfully, with children's needs, friendships and development at the heart of all decisions.

### Next Steps

We will share specific class placements before the end of term on their end of year report and provide opportunities for children to meet their new teachers to help





ensure a smooth and positive transition. Transition morning will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, with learners able to spend time with their teacher and classmates to prepare.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Since I have joined, I have been delighted to show many new families around our wonderful school, with it continuing to attract children from out of our catchment, with the number of children we have on role continuing to grow every day. Our new playgroup and wrap around provisions are proving to be extremely popular and well used, which means that our school is really blossoming, and I am very excited to see what next year brings.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we move forward together into this exciting new chapter for our school.

Yours sincerely,

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