

Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Head of School – Mrs H Bancroft

Parents' Consultation Meeting – 5th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Parents' Consultation meeting this week I would like to summarise the key information in order to keep our whole school community informed. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend to hear myself and Mr Turnham speak.

Warbstow Primary Academy has been experiencing a declining number on roll over the last few years, ultimately and sadly this has an impact on school finances. Schools are funded predominantly on a per pupil basis and so with less pupils on roll the school budget has decreased. This has led to decisions being taken by Aspire and the senior leadership team in school about the future structure of the school. From September 2022 there will be a new school structure in place that will help stabilise the school budget and enable us to still deliver an exciting curriculum that means all children can succeed and be the best they can be. From September, Nursery will relocate to the main school and form a new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Hub with the Reception Class, this is an exciting opportunity for the children to learn in an environment specifically created to meet the children's developmental and learning needs. I have summarised the structure below:

EYFS Hub	Class 2	Class 3
Nursery	Year 1	Year 4
Reception Class	Year 2	Year 5
	Year 3	Year 6

This will be a substantial change for our school community. However, it comes with many positives and exciting opportunities that we as a staff team are moving forwards with enthusiasm. A new curriculum and new school values.

We have already identified our new school values and are excited to announce these:

KINDNESS CURIOSITY COURAGE TEAMWORK RESPECT RESILIENCE

The children and staff have been busy discussing what we hold dear, what makes us 'us' at Warbstow. But also the personal and learning behaviours that we want to encourage and live by.

Our school curriculum will be underpinned by these values, it will be a curious curriculum. Rooted in our own locality and context meeting the needs of all our learners whilst exposing them to national and global expectations. It will develop the children's skills, knowledge and character and equip them for the next stages in their learning journeys. Learning in the outdoors will be a strong theme running through it. We will provide more information about our new curriculum through the next term and into next year.

My vision for the school is summarised below, it comes from my fundamental belief that learning changes lives. I want every child in my care to have the best learning experiences. I believe learning is a child's journey and we should let them navigate it, push them to explore and watch them discover by encouraging their curiosity. We should build a ship around them and enable them to set sail! And the way we do this is through strong values and a vibrant curriculum.

My vision for Warbstow can be split into two...

School to be a happy, vibrant, exciting community, celebrating successes	High academic standards
 Children to be fulfilled and curious in their learning Shaping the world's future young people Children to say "this is the best day ever" Children are supported emotionally and socially Everybody is a learner A school underpinned by strong core values 	 Enable all children to take the next step in their learning High aspirations and expectations And engaging and meaningful curriculum, full of curiosity, excitement and challenge Outward looking staff and children Children leaving Warbstow prepared for their next learning journey

I am very conscious of how important it is to support our children's wellbeing, particularly after the last two years. Your children will continue to be supported through a strong pastoral curriculum as well as their close relationships they have with the staff here at school. Children need to be happy and safe in order to learn, this is the learning environment that is at the heart of what we do at Warbstow.

We have already made enhancements to our learning environments. Thanks to FOWS we have brand new reading corners in each classroom and a library to help support our love for reading and reading for pleasure. We have a brand-new well-being space for all of our children and staff to use, a place of calm and cosy! Our Read Write Inc phonics teaching has been updated and allows all children to develop their key early reading skills making them into fluent readers.

There will be many opportunities for us to grab hold of in the coming months and years. And I am very much looking froward to moving forwards as a school and going from strength to strength.

If you have any questions or feedback please don't hesitate to contact me via the usual email address <u>hello@warbstow.org.uk</u>.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bancroft

