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Dear Parents and Carers

The thoughts of school next year are a little later than planned this year as our focus has been on returning children to school where possible. However, we have now started thinking to the next academic year and we are preparing and getting ready. We are now in a position to share with you our plans from September 2020

This year there is very little change in staffing meaning the structure won't look too different. The first piece of news I must share is that Miss Taylor will be leaving Dunswell in July. We are so pleased that Miss Taylor and her expertise are staying within Swanland Education Trust as she takes up a role at Swanland Primary School from September. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Miss Taylor well in her new role.

Once again next year, we will split year 1 between Class 1 and Class 2. This was a decision taken last year for a variety of reasons. We have found this year that the new structure has worked very well and will continue next year. The class which the children are placed in is completely separated upon age with the older half of the children moving into Class 2. As this is a relatively new way of structuring the school and we have already had a few questions from Reception parents whose children move into year 1 next year, we wanted to offer the opportunity for them to ask questions. Normally, we would hold a face to face meeting after school but in the current circumstances, we are unable to do this. We would therefore like to make ourselves available virtually so that parents can ask any questions if they would like to. We propose Monday 6th July at 6.30pm. We will send out an email invite to all year 1 parents next week and this will include instructions on how to use MS Teams. If you are unable to attend this but have any questions, please feel free to email them to the school office.

Mrs Catherine Burrell will continue to take the lead in Class One from September. Mrs Laura Noble will be staying in Class Two and will be the lead teacher in that class, with Mrs Barrick continuing in Class Three and Mr Ward in Class Four. As always you will be given the opportunity to meet with the teachers in the first few weeks of the academic year and we will write to you again with further details of these meetings and how they will look depending on government guidance later in the term. We felt it important to let you know about these arrangements as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

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