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Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know of a couple of minor changes to our teaching team next term.

As I am sure you know, schools (and other public bodies) have been under significant financial pressure these past few years which has resulted in cuts and 'economies' being made. Church Preen has been no exception to this having had to make one Teaching assistant redundant and reduce (overall) teaching assistant hours in the past two years.

The way schools are now funded places an enhanced emphasis on pupil numbers which exposes small schools to the fluctuations of local demographics and therefore changes in income.

Our funding this year (19/20) is based on our pupil total in October 2018, this was 60, which is a significant fall from 76 the previous year (18/19). Teaching staff met to discuss the best way to meet the funding shortfall this left us and have volunteered to make a small reduction to their hours of employment.

A timetable has been formulated and agreed that preserves the core subjects (taught mostly during the morning sessions) are taught in three separate classes with full teaching assistant support. On three afternoons (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) our Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs), Mrs Evans, Mrs Maddox and Mrs Wright will spend more time with classes/groups under the supervision of teachers.

We are fully confident that this arrangement will NOT affect academic standards or the pupils' experience of learning at Church Preen and we look forward to continued success.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dave Tinker

