



# Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

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Dear Holy Trinity Community,

As you may be aware, there has been a significant reduction in the number of primary aged children enrolling in schools across London. This is due to the reduced birth rate, the impact of Brexit, the unaffordable cost of living for some families, and an increasing number of young families moving out of London to bring up children.

Over the last few years, along with other Lambeth schools, Holy Trinity has experienced a decrease in pupil numbers, particularly in Reception and Key Stage 1.

For this reason, the governing board agreed with Lambeth Education to temporarily reduce the intake of Holy Trinity from two forms (60 pupils), to a single-form (30 pupils) entry each year. Although this is not our preferred size, it will not prevent us from providing the highest standards of education for our children. We will maintain the distinctive features that we all love about the school: music, sports, performances and cultural trips will continue to be some of the highlights our children enjoy. We are very fortunate that our Headteacher, Mr Winn, joined us from an extremely successful single-form entry school, and can therefore draw upon his experience to help us meet the challenges and reap the benefits of our new situation.

To be sustainable and effective as a single-form entry school, the governing board has had to carry out a staffing restructure to ensure our long-term viability. Through the restructure, nine staff have chosen to take voluntary redundancy. This will be in two phases, with five members of staff leaving at Christmas 2021, and four in July 2022. We are very sorry to lose such valuable members of staff, some of whom have worked with us for many years. I am sure you will join the Governing Board in thanking them for their support, service and dedication to the pupils and families of Holy Trinity and wish them well in the future.

At present, and because the reduction in size will happen gradually, no class teachers will be leaving us during this academic year. The Governing Board have looked very carefully at how our children's education and wellbeing can continue as our highest priority, not only during this period but into the future.

On a personal note, I have seen the school develop over the last 24 years, through my own children's attendance, then as a Governor. I see this as the next stage in the Holy Trinity journey and am sure that, with God's help, this will turn out to be another positive step.

Thank you all for your continued support for the school.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Tongeman  
Chair of Governors