



Bishop Purglove Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Structure for 2023 – 2024

We believe that Bishop Purglove is a warm, welcoming and thriving school, where pupils are nurtured and inspired to learn in a rich and caring environment. We give every child the opportunity to be the best that they can be. Our job as a school is to enable and encourage each individual child to take the next step of their climb and achieve more every day.

School budgets are based on the number on roll, which is taken from the census in the October of the previous year. We invest over 90% of our budget on staff, which is far greater than the national average. Although it would be fantastic to have single year classes, this is not feasible with the budget we are given.

Each academic year, we look closely at numbers in individual year groups and decide on a structure which best suits all children in school. This is a challenging task due to the disparity in numbers between year groups.

We have thought extremely carefully when building/planning our creative curriculum to ensure a progression of knowledge and skills throughout the years.

Opal Class - Reception and Year 1 will be in the same class with Mrs Mallender and Mrs Bingham. The Reception children will be based in the Reception Class and the Year 1 children will be based next door in the Year 1 classroom. The Reception children will be following the Early Years curriculum. Year 1 children will follow the Key Stage 1 curriculum. The children will register as a class. This is the same as previous years which has worked extremely well. A specialist PE coach teaches the children for two sessions of PE weekly, one session is on Tuesday and one session is on Friday. Mrs Mallender is part time and has Friday morning off and she has her PPA session in the afternoon. These sessions are covered by Mrs. Orton.

Class size of 22 children.

Emerald Class – Year 2 and Year 3 will be in a Class together as this year with Mrs Clements. Mrs Clements is also part time and has Fridays off. The morning session will be covered by Mr Twelves. On a Friday afternoon, Emerald Class have their PE session which is taught by a specialist PE coach and then it is golden time. I will be available if needed for this class. Emerald Class also has a PE session on a Tuesday with a specialist PE coach. Mrs. Clements' PPA session will be covered by Mrs. Orton.

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Sapphire Class – Year 4 and Year 5 Class which will be taught by Mr. Sheppeck. Mrs. Ortton teaches one session a week to cover Mr. Sheppeck's PPA session. A specialist PE coach teaches the children for one session of PE weekly.

Class size of 27 children.

Ruby Class – Year 6 Class which will be taught by Mr. Downings. Mrs. Ortton teaches one session a week to cover Mr. Downings' PPA session. A specialist PE coach teaches the children for one session of PE weekly.

Class size of 18 children.

PPA Cover

All teachers are entitled to 10% of their teaching commitment for planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). This equates to either a morning or afternoon session. Mrs. Ortton covers these in school.

Intervention/Further Support will take place in the classroom as part of the lessons where possible. If further targeted intervention sessions are needed these will be on **1:1 or 1:2** ratios. Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Light, Miss. Hudd, Mrs Ardern and Mrs. Branch will support Opal, Emerald, Sapphire and Ruby class where needed.

Swimming – Y4 will go swimming in the Autumn Term.

This class structure was put in place with considerable thought. The governors and I felt it was the best possible structure to give all children the support they need to achieve their potential and maximise progress and attainment.

Staffing structures are reviewed yearly depending on number of children in cohorts.

New Class changeover day is Tuesday 4th July.

If you wish to have a chat about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to do so.

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