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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may or not be aware, we have had a significant number of new families joining our school since September 2019, including a number of children joining us as recently as this week! This is absolutely fantastic for our school as it has always been the intention that we 'grow into' our building over the years.

Locally, Clapham Primary School is, once again, under consultation to close. This potential closure has led to some families choosing new schools for their children to attend in light of the uncertainty surrounding their current school. As a result of the consultation process we are also aware that there will be some further children joining our school over the coming weeks.

Due to the increase in the number of children, we have had to take a fresh look at our current class structure and, combined with the offer of a teacher from Clapham, have concluded that there will be some small changes in class structures starting from Monday 13th January 2020 – next week.

Mrs Hunter is an experienced and well qualified teacher who currently teaches at Clapham School. As from Monday, Mrs Hunter will be teaching here at Bentham Community Primary School every morning. Children in Year 3 will be joining her and being taught Maths and English during the morning in our Whernside Classroom (the room opposite Mrs Pearson's office). Children in Year 2 will continue to be taught Maths and English by Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hodgson during the morning in their current classroom.

During the afternoon all the Year 2 and Year 3 children will join together as normal with Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hodgson. This arrangement creates two much smaller class groups for English and Maths - something which we are very fortunate to be able to put in place. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Hunter as a new teacher to our school. The children may have already seen Mrs Hunter as she has been busy setting up her classroom this week.

At the start of the school day Year 2 children will enter school as per current arrangements. Year 3 children will need to enter school via their new classroom door. At the end of the day, all children will leave from their current classroom.

The above arrangement will continue until Easter and possibly until the end of the current academic year. This news has been shared with the children this afternoon and, whilst it may create some initial uncertainty and questions, I am sure the children will soon settle into their new routine.

Finally, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pearson.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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