



## **Bleakhouse Junior School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the formal period of consultation about the closure of Warley Infant and Nursery School, and the expansion of Bleakhouse Junior School has concluded, I am delighted to inform you that the Local Authority has now decided that the amalgamation will go ahead.

The decision means that at the end of August 2020, Warley Infant and Nursery School will formally close, and Bleakhouse Junior School will expand to include the Infants and will be called **Bleakhouse Primary School**.

This is a move that will bring considerable benefits including:

- Greater continuity of learning across the primary age range.
- Admissions - there will be no need to apply for a place for Year 3 once your child has been accepted in Reception. Equally parents / carers of children in the current Reception and Year 1 classes will not be required to apply for a place for Year 3.
- Holidays and training days will be aligned.
- The curriculum, and pupil's journey through it, will be clear and programmed, so that pupils make good progress.

This is the beginning of a new era for the children, families and staff of our school community. As Head Teacher, I am delighted to be leading the whole Primary School through this next phase.

In preparation for the merger, staff from both schools have been working together to ensure that we are ready for September.

There will be a lot of information available for you on our new website and also on the school life app. This will be our vehicle for sharing information with you. Please take time to visit the website at [www.bleakhouseprimary.school/](http://www.bleakhouseprimary.school/) from 1st September.

We will be sending you various information and forms to complete over the next few weeks. I would be very grateful if these are completed and returned as soon as possible.

From September 2020 the School Leadership Team will consist of myself as Head Teacher, Mrs. Soudani and Mrs. McGahey as Deputy Head Teachers, Mrs. Martin as Assistant Head Teacher and Mrs. Mills as Business Manager. We will all be working across our new school to ensure that the amalgamation goes smoothly. We will make ourselves available as much as possible to support and answer any questions or queries that you may have.

For parents and carers that wish to replace or renew their child's uniform, a new Bleakhouse Primary School uniform will be available to purchase from A.Oakes in Oldbury from 20<sup>th</sup> July onwards ready for September.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr. J. E. Bates  
HEAD TEACHER

