



# Townsend Primary School

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## Farewell to Angela Prestwich

Dear Early Years Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Angela Prestwich, our Early Years Coordinator will be leaving us at the end of this week. Although this is a sad occurrence, Angela has always wanted to work in a Forest School, and she has successfully secured a position in one! Angela will be greatly missed and although it is sad, we wish her the very best for the future.

### **Low Nursery and Reception pupil numbers:**

All schools in our area, have falling pupil numbers. We at Townsend have the following numbers:

**Nursery: AM** 6 pupils (should be 26)    **PM** 6 pupils (should be 26)

We have 12 places taken instead of 52

**Reception:** 20 pupils (should be 30 pupils)

The ratio of children to adults should be:

**Nursery**        13 to one adult

**Reception**    30 to one Teacher & Teaching Assistant

Due to low numbers and low funding, the Nursery and Reception classes will join. This means at any one time there will be 26 pupils with 3 adults, resulting in one adult over-seeing 7/8 pupils at any one time. This is an excellent ratio and enables us to give the best to each child.

Lauren Haynes will lead the EYFS unit.

Nikki will be the link Nursery Nurse for the profiles of Nursery pupils.

A Teaching Assistant will work within the EYFS unit.

If you should have any questions or queries, then please do speak with Lauren or give me a telephone call.

We wish Angela the very best for the future and we all thank her for her hard work and dedication towards Townsend Early Years!

Yours Sincerely,

Anne Stonell

**Headteacher**