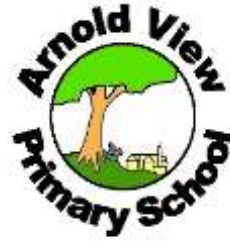


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Dear Parents/Carers

Arnold View Primary School - Staff Update

As I am sure you are aware, prices continue to rise and I know many of you will be facing difficult financial decisions of your own. I regret to inform you that funding and budgets are being stretched across the education sector and our school's budget is also affected by these economic circumstances. As a consequence, we have had to make savings in our budget to avoid a shortfall.

I would like to assure you that our first priority when taking these difficult decisions is to provide your children with the best possible education. We will continue to ensure that our pupils continue to be comfortable, healthy and safe in school.

Unfortunately, our Governing Body has had to take the unenviable decision to reduce the hours of our teaching assistants and sadly make two redundancies. This unpleasant reduction process has now been completed and sadly, two of our much-loved teaching assistants are leaving us in the near future and the other teaching assistants have reduced their hours. At Arnold View we have always prided ourselves on our family ethos, with every member of staff highly valued and an integral member of our team. We are absolutely devastated that our teaching assistants are leaving and are working hard with our Governing Body to minimise the impact on your children and to ensure that they are given the best education possible.

This is an incredibly dark time in the history of Arnold View and it is entirely due to Government underfunding over many years.

As a community we have always pulled together and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to our school; it is greatly appreciated now more than ever. If you are able to, please consider helping us through this challenging time by continuing to supplement the cost of school trips and extra-curricular activities. By joining the incredible fundraising efforts of our FAV (Friends of Arnold View) team, you could help to pay for much needed essentials such as play equipment, books and programs to support our children. If you have bid writing or financial experience, we would be particularly interested in you joining our Governing Body. You might also consider writing to our MP, Michael Payne, to express your concern.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, I will be available in Class 11 on Monday 20th January at 3.35 to discuss them with you. Please be assured that I am extremely unhappy that it has come to this.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I will keep you informed with updates via the school newsletter and Dojo.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Caroline Otterburn
Head Teacher

