

St Andrew's Reception Class Change 2024

After careful consideration the Governors of St Andrew's School have decided to move the Reception class onto the main site from September 2024. For the last 12 years we have had a double year group every seven years, however we have decided that this is not a sustainable decision going forward. This is due to a drop in local birth rate and therefore the demand for places, alongside an increase in sufficiency of places in other Headington schools. It follows therefore that the Reception class could be taught back on the St Andrew's site from September 2024. From Headington Quarry's perspective this will give additional space on the Quarry site for them to develop their early years provision.

These decisions have been made well in advance of the change to ensure that both Governing bodies and school sites can be readied for the next phase. Both schools have enjoyed a long and sustained partnership with many families and children benefiting from the arrangement. It has always been very heartening to see HQFSS nursery children moving onto the St Andrew's roll and continuing to enjoy their education together with familiar adults and surroundings. It is the intention of both schools to maintain strong work around transition and continue to be part of the Headington partnership of schools. We hope not the end, but a new beginning. Importantly we plan to ensure a proper goodbye and celebrate our longstanding partnership.