



Headteacher: Mrs Lindsay Robertson BA (Hons) NPQH

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Dear parents and Carers,

As always at this time of year, there is speculation over who will be the children’s class teachers next year and I know that this information is important to you as you prepare for your children to move into their next stage of education. There are many factors that need to be taken into consideration when deciding which staff go into each class and we have also needed to complete a recruitment process this year too. However, we are now in a position to let you know who will be in which class next year. Class teachers will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Support Staff</u>
Nursery	Mrs Beavis	Miss Payne
Reception	Miss Hunter	Miss Baxter
Year 1	Miss Potelle	Miss Holmes
Year 2	Miss Mullen	Mrs Dixon
Year 3	Miss Bexley	Mrs Wharton
Year 4	Miss Robinson	Miss Thompson
Year 5	Miss Nixon	Mr Smith
Year 6	Mr Dawson	Mrs Wood

Mrs Mason will work three days per week and she will support classes as directed.

You will note that Miss Hoyle will not have a class this year although of course she remains a valued member of staff. I have decided that following the period of lockdown experienced by the children being more lengthy than anticipated, we need to give them the best possible opportunity to catch up on what they have missed in the last few months. Therefore, Miss Hoyle will work across classes every morning with small groups of children to focus on specific skills and activities to support them to make accelerated progress to where they need to be in relation to their age group expectations. We are grateful for having this opportunity for the children; to support them and nurture them as they move out of what has been a very difficult period for all into a new academic year.

We also welcome three new teachers this year and I am so excited to have them on board – Miss Nixon replaces Miss Wilson who left in April, Miss Potelle and Miss Robinson. I am sure that you will get to know them quickly and will welcome them to Willow Fields.

Mrs Kirkland is also not on the staffing list for next year as she leaves us to have a baby. In her absence Miss Potelle will be taking the class. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Kirkland and her husband very best wishes for the safe arrival of their baby. We can’t wait to meet baby Kirkland! Also sadly leaving us to have a baby is Mrs Curtis who has worked as a HLTA in EYFS this year. Happily, Mrs Curtis is still staying involved with school both as a parent and a governor. Again, I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well for the future. Miss Thompson will be joining us as a HLTA in September.

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We have also been able to make another exciting appointment to the school staff this year. From September we will have Miss Mather working with us in school full time. She has worked with families and children in school in the past as part of her work with the Link School but will be coming to work with us in the capacity as Well-being and Family worker. She will be the first point of contact for you with any family or child needs. As part of her role she will be supporting children with attendance, additional needs as well as providing nurture groups, supporting play at break times and working with children to regulate emotions so that they can access all that school has to offer! Her role is wide and varied and she is here to support everyone. This is an exciting opportunity for school and I can't wait for you to meet and work with Elizabeth. Look out for a letter from her early in September.

Next year is shaping up to be a very exciting year in school and we are doing all we can to make sure that the children are supported to fulfil their potential. We look forward to working with you all and I can't wait to see what next year brings!

As always, thank you for working with us!

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