



Thursday 22nd June 2023

Dear Families,

RE: SCHOOL STRUCTURE 2023 - 2024

As we continue to hurtle through the summer term, we have been working hard behind the scenes planning our structure for the year ahead. Our varying year group sizes have made us rethink our class structure. In doing so we have balanced the very different number of children in each year group with the experience of our teaching staff and the needs of the different year groups. We have used our experience from running combined classes, learning from what has worked well and addressing any things that have not, in order to give our children the best offer. We have also looked towards the future and tried to produce a sustainable structure based on the forecast number of pupils in each year group over the coming couple of years.

As such, we are confident to share our structure for 2023 – 2024.

	Teacher	Support staff
Reception & Year One	Hannah Thomas (M-Th) Sarah Kennedy (W-F)	Jo Gibbons Bethany Burrows Karen Marsh (M/T/F)
Year Two	Lucy Ashburne	Alex Hollow
Year Three	Elinor Innalls	Karen Bishop
Year Four	Monica Cook	Faye Matthews
Year Five & Six	Harriet Berkley (M-W) Hannah Lintern (Th-F)	Linda Darby Vanessa Mynott

Reception and Year One

From September 2023, we will offer a mixed Reception and Year One class. In doing this we are creating a team of teachers and support staff to strengthen the focus, ownership and expertise we provide these children. For those moving into Year One, they will continue working with Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kennedy, further developing their Early Years experiences to access the national curriculum.

The Reception children will benefit from the experience of the Year One children. Reception and Year One will still be taught Maths and Phonics separately, all other lessons will be differentiated to meet the needs of both groups of children.

Year Five and Six

From September we will have a mixed age class led by two experienced teachers and supported by two Teaching Assistants. All work in English and Maths will be differentiated to meet the needs of the children as

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it would in a single year group class. We have developed a rolling program to cover the curriculum which builds on prior knowledge, generates new learning, and allows for progression. The additional adults will be utilised to facilitate flexible grouping to meet the needs of all children. They will also benefit from small group sizes for lessons such as Maths, PE, Music, French and Wilderness Warriors.

New Teachers

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming two new staff in September when Mrs Brogden and Miss Shortland begin their maternity leave.

Miss Elinor Innalls will be teaching Year Three; she has recently completed her teacher training and will join us as an Early Career Teacher. She will be fully supported by myself, and Miss Lintern as part of her development. Miss Innalls enjoys maths and outdoor learning. She also loves dance and played table tennis to a national level. We are hoping she will run a table tennis club for us all in the new year.

Mrs Harriet Berkley will be taking a job share position with Miss Lintern in our Year 5 and 6 class. Mrs Berkley is an experienced teacher working at several local schools. She is passionate about History and Outdoor learning. She has previously run Eco Councils, and gardening groups – she even won the RHS silver award for her allotment work at her last school.

SENDCO Provision (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator)

Mrs Tracey Burke will be leaving us when her contract ends at the end of the year. She will be replaced by Mrs Karen Marsh. Mrs Marsh has extensive SEND experience having previously been an 'Area Early Years SENDCO' for many years. Mrs Marsh joined us earlier this year in our Reception class and has been working alongside Mrs Burke every Monday to ensure a smooth handover. From September we have doubled our SEND provision as Mrs Marsh will have two days a week as SENDCO, in addition to working with the Reception/Year One team. We would like to thank Mrs Burke for her extensive work this year improving SEND provision for our children.

Deputy Headteacher

Miss Hannah Lintern will be continuing her development as Deputy Headteacher in the new year, alongside her teaching commitments in year 5/6 and support of more junior members across the team.

Farewell

Miss Abi Brown is leaving us at the end of the Summer term; we wish her a fond farewell and good luck in her next adventure.

Meet the team question and answer Session:

We hope that you will be able to join us on **Wednesday 19th July from 4 – 5pm** to 'meet the team'.

This is an opportunity to meet the team your child will be working with next year and to ask any questions you may have. Our SENDCO, Mrs Marsh will also be on hand to answer any questions.

We hope that you will be able to join us. If you have any questions prior to this date or you are unable to attend, please email the office.

Many Thanks

Mrs Constanza
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