

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As we enter the final week of the academic year, we are finally now in a position to inform you of the class structure for 2020/2021.

**From September 2020, the class structure will be as follows:**

**Reception: Miss Bonner**

**Year 1: Miss Holmes**

**Year 2: Miss Leetham** - SENDCo, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Year 3: Mrs. Croft** (usually Mon-Tue) & **Mrs. Walton** (usually Wed-Fri)

**Year 4: Mr. Anderson** - Deputy Headteacher, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Year 5: Mrs. Bowmar**

**Year 6: Miss Millman**

*As always, other adults such as myself, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Andrew-Thompson, Mr. Finnis, Mrs Robinson, Mrs. Lammiman and Mrs. Brereton will be teaching certain classes on a regular basis. Each year group will be taught in their 'normal' classroom.*

Following an extensive and complicated recruitment process, the Governing Body and I are delighted to announce that we have successfully recruited two talented new teachers to join our team from September! Miss Sarah Bonner joins us to lead Reception class full-time from September. Miss Bonner has many years' experience successfully teaching Early Years in East Lindsey and currently works a few miles along the A16 at St. Michael's Church of England Primary School in Louth. Our second new member of teaching staff is Mrs. Annmarie Croft, who joins us in September to work alongside Mrs. Walton as one half of our Y3 double-act next year! Although Mrs Croft has experience teaching all over the world, she comes to us from another East Lindsey Church of England Primary School at Scamblesby, again near Louth.

We know that some children have been very anxious about who their next teacher is going to be, although based on my 20 years of experience, I would say that it is likely that parents have been even more anxious 😊. Under normal circumstances clearly we would have preferred to give you this information earlier. Last year, for example, we were in a position to inform parents at the beginning of Term 6. I have previously indicated that there were unlikely to be significant changes to who was teaching which year group. However, as you already know, this term the Governors and I have had to recruit new members of teaching staff. In the current circumstances, this already lengthy process has been even lengthier. As you would expect, the Governors and I are committed to recruiting the very best staff to join our team and we do not appoint just to fill a position. Had there been no suitable teachers available from the 32 who applied to work at our school, it is likely that some existing teaching staff would



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have been teaching different year groups. Therefore, you can understand why we have not been able to confirm the class structure until now.

Of course, when we return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, that first short week of the new academic year will be a time for settling in and getting to know new teachers. Parents should rest assured that our considerable experience shows that even the most anxious children quickly adapt to new surroundings and adults – just look at what some of our very youngest children - our current Year 1 cohort - have coped with on their return to school this term, with most of them being taught by different adults in different classrooms, having been out of school for months. They have successfully embraced this challenge, as have those Reception children who have been in school as children of Keyworkers. We are confident that with support, encouragement and a positive approach from home and school, the other children in our school will do likewise!

As I have previously indicated, more detailed information about September will continue to be sent over the Summer break via ParentHub and the school website. We can't wait to see you all back in school, as directed by the Government, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please note that the new Reception intake will be starting their induction with two half days (a morning and an afternoon) in smaller groups on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September before being in school full time from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

With thanks, as always, for your continued support,

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