

Staffing and Transition

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are finally able to share with you the changes that will be in place for September 2021.

Firstly, it is with great sadness that I am informing you that at the end of this academic year Mrs Wesley will be leaving us. She has secured a promotion at a school closer to home. We wish Mrs Wesley the best of luck and know she will do a super job at her new school.

Also leaving us at the end of this academic year will be Mr Marsh. We wish him the best of luck as he pursues furthering his teaching career more locally to home.

As a school that continues to grow and flourish, we are pleased to say that we will have twelve classes across school next year. Alongside this will be new teachers joining our teaching team.

Below is a table outlining which teacher will be where and which year group(s) they will be teaching:

Class Base	Teacher	Which year group
Wren	Mrs Newton	Nursery
Puffin	Miss Lounds	Reception
Robin	Mrs Lewis	Reception
Magpie	Mrs Norman	Year One
Dove	Mrs Evans	Year One & Year Two
Jay	Miss Marsh	Year Two
Nightingale	Miss Talton	Year Three
Kingfisher	Miss Goodwin	Year Four
Goldcrest	Mrs Allen	Year Four
Kittiwake	Mr Patten	Year Five
Swift	Mrs Henderson/ Miss Siddall	Year Six
Siskin	Miss Watson	Year Six

In the envelope containing your child's report will be a slip of paper informing you which class base your child will be in next year and with which teacher. Please be reassured that when we organise classes, we spend quality time looking at friendship groups, class dynamics, etc. before making a final decision. Some of you may be wondering why Mr Cohan is not on the list.

This is because Mr Cohan will not be teaching his own class next academic year. Instead he will be working across the school to provide various teaching and learning opportunities.

Mrs Pawlitta will continue to support the releasing of staff for the legally entitled PPA and other professional development time.

Our support staff will continue doing an amazing job in the same phase as they currently are:

Mrs Lean	Nursery
Miss Cox	Reception classes
Mrs Nelson	Across year one & two
Mrs Cox	Year Three
Mrs Peters & Mrs Sefton	Year Four
Mrs Coverley	Across year five & six

We are also looking to appoint an additional teaching assistant to work in our reception classes.

To support yourselves and our children in knowing who is who across school we have put some information on our website. Click the link below:

<https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Transition-ppt- June 21.pdf>

Transition

Like other schools under current COVID guidance we have had to adjust our transition plans.

Instead of a two-day transition, as was originally planned we are now just doing a morning. This will take place on Wednesday 7th July, for all children currently attending our school.

Those children that will be joining us, from September, will be offered an alternative date and the school will make contact to organise this.

The transition morning is a perfect opportunity for the children to spend time with their class teacher in their new class base and begin to build positive relationships.

On that day we will expect the children to go to their current class bases and once the registers etc have been taken the children will move to their new classes.

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(Head of School)