

Dear Parents and Carers

25/04/2022

RE: Staffing in Reception

Following a period of illness, Mr Metcalf has unfortunately taken the decision to resign. I am sure that, like us, you will be disappointed by this. However, as a school we believe that the health and wellbeing of staff and children is extremely important and therefore we wish him the very best for the future.

I am well aware of the inconsistency in staffing for your child's class, so far this academic year. To provide some reassurance, we monitor teaching and learning very closely throughout school and the quality that has been provided to your child, since the start of the year, has been very good.

The organisation of EYFS teaching and learning is very different from KS1 and KS2; teachers and support staff work with **all** children in the phase and do not solely focus on children in 'their class'. 'Classes' are more of a formality for registration purposes, as children in both classes come together for 'free choice' time and groupings regularly change, based on the children's needs. Children in both reception classes therefore have developed very strong relationships with **all** staff in the phase.

With this in mind, Mrs Baxter will reduce her leadership time, to take the lead of class teacher for your child's class, whilst retaining some teaching in her current class. Miss Robinson and Mrs Fleet will continue to work in the phase, working between both reception classes.

Mrs Baxter, Mrs Binns, Mrs Fleet and Miss Robinson make an excellent team and between them, they will continue to ensure that the children in both reception classes have a successful reception year.

I will be on duty at the start and end of the day tomorrow, if you would like to speak with me about any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School