



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Staffing Update – End of Academic Year 2021/22**

I hope this letter finds you well, particularly in this very hot weather! As is usual this time of year, there are always goodbyes and introductions to share with parents.

Firstly, we welcome Miss Claire Thistle who joined our Early Years team on 27<sup>th</sup> June, working as Senior Teaching Assistant in Badger Class. Miss Laura Behan has also joined our team of Midday Supervisors and will work from time to time with the children in Hedgerows. I will write to parents early in the new academic year with details of other new support staff we have appointed as we have been busy with recruitment this term and will be welcoming several new Midday Supervisors and Teaching Assistants to our team in September.

Mrs Debbie Maguire is retiring at the end of this year after twenty one years working at Barrow Hedges. Mrs Maguire has worked across a variety of year groups during her time at the school and we extend our thanks for her hard work and commitment and wish her all the best for new adventures ahead.

We say goodbye to Mrs Kelly Wallis at the end of this term as she moves onto an exciting new role at one of the other large local trusts, both leading on PE, and undertaking some class based teaching. Mrs Wallis has worked at Barrow Hedges for eighteen years, predominantly during this time as PE Leader. We are grateful for the excellent work Mrs Wallis has done for the school, for ensuring and maintaining our positive reputation for great PE and competitive sport. I am sure parents will join me in wishing her all the very best as she moves on. Mr Buckingham and Miss Lucas will be jointly leading PE from September.

Miss Hannah Potter, currently Hedgehog class teacher, will also be moving onto pastures new, having spent four years at Barrow Hedges. She is moving to a neighbouring borough and we wish her all the very best.



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Madame Marie Wilson has decided to reduce her teaching commitments and moves on from Barrow Hedges. We thank her for her dedication to ensuring that children enjoy learning a modern foreign language and for the time she has spent with two cohorts on our residential to France. I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Lorraine Coxon will be taking over the teaching of French to Years 4 to 6 in the new academic year.

Parents may be aware that Mrs Tina Bennett, Badger class teacher, is expecting a baby in September. We hope to see her back after the summer holidays for a couple of weeks before she starts her maternity leave, baby permitting!

We thank Miss Taniya Masood for stepping in to teach Squirrel class this term and wish her all the very best as she starts a full time teaching post in September. Miss Masood has been a great asset to the Year 1 team.

We are delighted to be welcoming four new teachers to our school to take up posts in September:

After completing her teaching qualification this year, Mrs Gill De Marco has been successfully appointed to move from Teaching Assistant to Class Teacher. This is fantastic for children and staff as Mrs De Marco knows our school so well. I know she is excited to be returning in September in this new role.

We have also appointed Miss Tia Fletcher and Mrs Vittoria Murtaza to join our Early Years team, Next year's Reception parents met our two new Reception teachers on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at our information evening.

Miss Ellis Powell will also be joining our teaching team. Miss Powell will be in school next week to meet with her new class which I know she is really looking forward to.

Following a really successful year where we have had both our safeguarding processes validated and rewarded, and a fantastic Ofsted inspection report, we want to ensure that our high standards are maintained and the school continues to flourish. Ofsted stated that, *"Leaders expect all pupils to achieve highly. They have clearly defined key learning in every subject. They train staff exceptionally well, so that staff understand the intended learning and how to teach it. This means that all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) achieve well."* A thorough induction will ensure that our new staff quickly settle into Barrow Hedges and understand our ethos, vision and values and policies and procedures so that they can support your child(ren) to be the best that they can be. I am sure that parents will join us in making these new members of staff really welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at our Exhibition Evening later today.

Kind regards



Mrs Louise Wood  
Headteacher