



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staffing for and transition to the academic year 2024-2025**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with some important information regarding the next academic year and how we will support children in their transition to a new class and teacher.

At Barrow Hedges, we understand the importance of supporting children as they move through the school. You may be aware that last June, we achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark and as part of this, our assessor reviewed our systems and processes for transition. Our report states that *“effective transition processes are in place for all children; not just when they move key stages but between year groups. Transitions are well planned for, especially for those with additional needs.”*

We have once again thought carefully about our transition arrangements to give children ample opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new teacher and classroom environment before the summer holidays. Additionally, we continue to be ever mindful of the need to prioritise children’s mental health and wellbeing and recognise that, for some children, change is challenging.

Attached with this letter is a table confirming our class and teacher deployment for 2024-25. Sharing this information with you and the children at this stage means that our transition programme can begin. Examples of activities planned to support the children include the teachers reading a story to their new class and children visiting their new classrooms. The children are being told today who will be teaching them next year.

It is usual, at this time of year, to say farewell to some members of staff. However, I am delighted to confirm that there are no teachers or TAs leaving us. Mrs Tina Bennett, Badger Class teacher (Reception) is expecting her second baby but will return in the new academic year as her due date is not until December. Prior to her departure for maternity leave, she will be deployed to provide additional support in Reception and Year 1 and teach in other year groups as and when this may be required.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the school and its community.

Kind regards

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