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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Arrangements for academic year 2022-2023**

With the end of this school year fast approaching, I thought it timely to update you on some changes that will be taking place from September 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### **Classes for September 2022**

We have decided to make slight changes to the year groups in each class for the next academic year. As there has been so much disruption to the children's learning over the past two years, we wanted to do everything we could to ensure that all of our children can make the most of their time with us. Now more than ever, relationships are key to children's happiness and learning and so, in order for the children to make the very best progress they can, we have decided on the following class arrangements for September 2022:

#### **Willow Class**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (25 children)  
Miss Bates and Mrs Craft

#### **Maple Class**

Year 3 and Year 4 (20 children)  
Miss Cook and Mrs Hellen

#### **Oak Class**

Year 5 and Year 6 (21 children)  
Mr Price, Mrs Hooker, Miss Thomson and Mrs Wilkinson

I am sure you will agree that this will provide much needed consistency for our children and I have no doubt that the children will be thrilled to have the same staff team again in most classes!

### **Staffing Changes**

Miss Stringer will be starting her maternity leave during the summer holidays and will not be back in school during the next academic year. We wish her the very best during what will be a really happy (albeit sleep deprived) time.



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Mr Cartwright will be leaving the school at the end of this term to new beginnings...in fatherhood! We cannot thank Mr Cartwright enough for all the good work he has done to support all of the children in Oak class since his arrival in January. Hopefully our paths will cross again in the future. Who knows?

Mr Price will be joining us in September and will be teaching Oak class. Mr Price impressed us at interview with his engaging lesson which included and inspired all of the children to achieve. It was clear that he had a passion for developing children's knowledge and giving them the important skills they need to complete their primary school learning but also to transition to Year 7 and beyond. With his particular strengths and interests in English and Computing, Mr Price will also be able to drive standards for all of our children not just those in Oak class.

### **Timings of the school day**

The government recently released guidance that states that all schools must provide a school week of 32.5 hours. In order for us to be compliant with this new expectation, we will be changing the start and end of the school day as set out below:

- 8:40** Doors open (this is when we would prefer children to arrive)
- 8:50** School starts - registration (all children must be here by this time)
- 3:20** School finishes – children dismissed (children to be collected at this time)

These timings are for **all** children. **All** classes have the same school start and finish times.

### **Feedback welcomed!**

I appreciate there are some changes included in this letter that you may like to discuss. As a school, our aim is to always be transparent and inform you of information at the correct times. Do not hesitate to contact me via the office or on the door in the mornings if there are any aspects of the school that you would like more information or further clarification on.

Thank you for your continued support.

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