



Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I would like to thank you for your incredible resilience and support through this time; we know that it has not been easy but we are truly grateful for all of your patience, support and hard work.

I am writing to you to let you know about our plans for next year; to keep you up-to-date and explain the reasoning behind it. This is so I can help reassure you that, as a school, we are doing everything we can to make sure that your child receives the best education they can, after the period of school closures and missed schooling due to the coronavirus.

Staffing structure and location of each year group for 2020 - 2021:

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Class Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant(s)</u> NB - Subject to change dependent on safety and government guidance
Early Years Foundation Unit (EYFS - Nursery and Reception)	Current Nursery building	Mrs Johnstone	Mrs Hopton Mrs Godwin Mrs Vigers
Year 1	Current Reception classroom	Mrs Braun	Mrs Carlyle & Mrs Blatherwick
Year 2	Current Y1 classroom	Miss Yeoman	Miss Thomas & Mrs Maguire
Year 3	Current Y2 classroom	Miss Bromberger	
Year 4	Current Y3 classroom	Mr Donegani/Mrs Chantrey	Mrs Dhiri
Year 5	Current Y4 classroom	Mr Bown	Mrs Maguire
Year 6	Current Y5 and Y6 classrooms	Mr Edwards Miss Paponides	<i>N/A due to 2 x class teachers</i>

As you can see, every teacher, from Year 1, has followed their class into the subsequent year. This has been a deliberate decision made by us because it means that both children and staff know each other well – there are a number of benefits of this including:



- Children will not experience the anxiety of meeting and developing a relationship with a new member of staff. We are keen to ensure children's mental health and wellbeing are looked after during these challenging times.
- Children will already be familiar with their teacher's/s' expectations, rules and classroom routines which will mean optimised learning time from the very first day back in August/September.
- Teachers will know exactly where pupils 'left off' before lockdown/school closures, therefore will know what to teach (in terms of the curriculum they missed), and each child's gaps in learning; thus, able to tailor a curriculum specific to the class' needs from the very first day back in August/September.

In the EYFS, we have amalgamated Nursery and Reception classes within one unit which will be led by Miss Johnstone. This is so that the transition and development of our youngest pupils can be catered for in a specific and child-led way. We want this provision to enable a learning environment which maintains the integrity of each child's imagination and curiosity; to foster a hands-on, comprehensive and content-rich curriculum which equips every child with a foundation for future success.

Mrs Braun will then be able to offer her expertise of the EYFS to the transition of our soon-to-be Year 1 children. They will benefit greatly from a thoughtfully constructed transition from Reception (and period of school closure) to the expectations of Year 1. Mrs Braun is the perfect candidate to offer this expertise to our children, bringing alongside this the much-needed pastoral element, of which comes naturally to her.

Focus Provision pupils will be taught in 2 bubbles, supported by staff. The team will be in contact to detail the bubble and the staff who will work with your child.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the office or your class teacher and we will be happy to answer them for you.

Information for Parents and Carers for September 2020

- We will continue with our one-way systems, rigorous cleaning regimes and having 'bubbles' to limit transmittance as much as possible, but bubbles will be larger to enable all children to come back to school. Be assured that we will always adhere to government guidance on safety.
- **Nursery** to start week commencing 7th September (2nd week back).
- **Reception Pupils will start on 1st September AM only on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd** and then 8.45 – 3pm on Thursday and Friday.
- **Early Years and KS 1** parents/carers will be allowed on-site to drop off their children.
- We expect our oldest **children in KS 2** to come onto site on their own. Parents/carers please drop off off-site and leave the surrounding premises quickly to ensure no bottlenecks and congregations of people.
- Please only let your child bring in the bare minimum of items i.e. P.E. kit, reading diary and reading book(s) and their packed lunch if they have one.
- **All children** are expected to wear their school uniform.
- Hot meal options will be available at lunch as normal.
- Lunchtimes will be 45 minutes to enable us to maintain bubbles and our cleaning regime.

Logistics and Timings for September 2020

Yr Groups	Start time – please be punctual	Route into classrooms	End time - Please e punctual
EYFS & Y1	08:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EYFS through top, previously Nursery gate• Y1 through main gate and Y1 classroom door	3pm
Y2 & Y3	08:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both through main gate and then their own classroom doors	3:05pm
Focus Provision	9am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through main gate and then office entrance	3:05pm
Y4 & 5	08:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through main gate and then through side entrance by Y6 classroom and hall	3:10pm
Y6	08:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through main gate and then through office entrance	3:10pm

In the meantime, I would like to thank you again for all your support and assure you that we will keep you updated on any announcements or plans going forwards. We wish you a very relaxed and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a stylized, cursive 'CB' for Miss Cao. The second signature is a cursive name that appears to be 'Duffy' for Mrs Duffy.

Miss Cao and Mrs Duffy