



16 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Staffing Updates

I am pleased to now be able to confirm that we have made an appointment for a new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. This will be Miss Lucy Breen, who is currently an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the Kinder School at an International School in Mexico. She will start with us in July and until then the various roles that fall under Mr Hughes' remit will be covered as follows:

### Acting INCo – for all aspects of SEND and Inclusion including EAL

Mrs Amy Flitton [amyflitton@downsinf.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:amyflitton@downsinf.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

### Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Teacher for Looked after Children

Miss Aisha Hoten, [aishahoten@downsinf.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:aishahoten@downsinf.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

### Assistant Headteacher

Miss Cargill is returning on a phased return starting in January, and will be acting Early Years Leader as well as deputising for me if I am absent from school.

### Starfish Teacher

Mr Neil Cowley who the children have had on Fridays this year.

### Kingfisher Teacher

Miss Frankie Tickner, who met the children this week. During the first few weeks Mrs Flitton will be on hand to support the handover. There will be a picture of Miss Tickner on the website as soon as I can get it on there.

I appreciate we are all usually more comfortable with things staying the same than things changing, but this is a new chapter for the school and I know that the strong culture of collaboration and teamwork, as well as a desire to do the best for our children will ensure that this transitional time will go well.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Christmas period, and a big thank you from myself and all the staff for your generous best wishes, cards and gifts.

Yours sincerely,

Hildi Mitchell, Headteacher

