



22nd June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of a year and plan for the next, it is time to inform you of our teaching staff structure changes and class transition arrangements in preparation for September.

Firstly, I would like to inform you that, sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Garside as our Special Educational Needs Leader at the end of term. Mrs Garside has been at Dowson for 12 years and has used her expertise and leadership to ensure Dowson is a school where children with any kind of additional need can access their education with appropriate provision and thrive in classrooms where they are both included and supported to make exceptional progress academically and personally. Dowson SEND provision is highly reputable within the community and Local Authority and Mrs Garside has worked across our Academy Trust this year spreading her knowledge and expertise to others.

I understand that this news will be upsetting and perhaps concerning for those of you who have children currently supported by Mrs Garside and the SEND team. I can assure you that plans are underway to appoint to the role of SEND lead in school and that myself, Mrs Lawrence and the remaining members of the SEND team will ensure all of our children have all of the provision that they need to continue to progress. More information will come to parents with children on the SEND register before the end of term to signpost the arrangements in place. In the meantime, I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Garside success in her new consultancy role with One Education and thank her for the wonderful legacy she leaves with our school and its pupils. We certainly have big shoes to fill!

We are excited to welcome Mrs Artley back to Team Dowson for September. Mrs Artley worked at Dowson a few years ago as Miss Amatt and returned this year to support pupils in our catch up programme as part of the education recovery from the pandemic. She will be teaching Year 6 Pine alongside Miss Maddocks and Mrs Priest will be a third teacher in Year 6 next year as part of our continued drive to ensure our oldest pupils narrow the gaps caused by the pandemic and become 'High School ready'.

As you know, we are able to resume our transition evenings for face to face visits over the next couple of weeks when you can come and meet your child's new class teacher and be able to hear the 'need to know' information for the upcoming year group and how you can support your child to prepare for transition and be successful across the next chapter of their academic journey in primary years. The evening will begin with a short presentation in the hall for all year group parents and then you will have chance to go to the classrooms with the teachers and hear things pertinent to the specific year group.





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Your children will be able to meet their new teacher on a whole school transition morning on Friday 8th July, where they will spend time with their new teacher in the classroom they will be housed in next year.

The staffing for next year is outlined at the end of this letter, including which classes are moving to which teachers. Nursery and Reception parents, you will be informed of which teacher your child will be having in Reception and Year 1 respectively in a separate communication due to our usual process of mixing up the cohort to create new classes at the end of the Nursery and Reception years.

Please also note that Mrs. K. McLaren in Reception is not another new member of staff but that Miss Cranny is now a married lady, as is Miss Sankey in Year 3, who is now Mrs Ellerton! Congratulations to them both!

If you have any questions or queries around any of the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Assuring you of our best intentions as always,

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn
Principal





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TEACHING STAFF 2022-2023

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. K. Thornburn

VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. C. Lawrence

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) LEAD: Vacant Post

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING TEAM
Nursery	APPLE - Mrs. M. Crapper PLUM - Miss. P. Capper
Reception	ALDER – Mrs. A. Everitt ASH – Mrs. K. McLaren
Year 1	BIRCH – Mrs. L. Gregg OAK – Mrs. A. Killeen
Year 2	1 OAK will move to MAPLE – Mrs. D. Dewsnap 1 BIRCH will move to HOLLY – Mrs. L. Thomas
Year 3	2 HOLLY will move to HAZEL – Miss. R. Danaher 2 MAPLE will move to HAWTHORN – Mrs. N. Ellerton
Year 4	3 HAZEL will move to POPLAR – Mr. J. Shanks 3 HAWTHORN will move to WILLOW – Miss. K. Shaw
Year 5	4 POPLAR will move to BEECH – Mr. L. Turner 4 WILLOW will move to ROWAN – Miss. R. Hodgkinson
Year 6	5 BEECH will move to PINE – Mrs. J. Artley and Mrs J. Priest 5 ROWAN will move to SYCAMORE – Miss. C. Maddocks

Mrs Walkden will also be teaching across school.

TEACHING ASSISTANT TEAMS		
EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE	LOWER SCHOOL	UPPER SCHOOL
Mrs. J. Cartwright Mrs. N. Houghton Mrs. D. Hill Mrs. S. Hodgkinson Mrs. R. Lowe Mrs. J. Sparham Mrs. N. Latham Mrs K. Hargreaves	Mrs. L. Shearing Miss. Z. Mitchell Mrs. S. Wibberley Mrs. J. Ekin Miss. C. Hoatson Mrs. S. Monks Miss. A. Collier Mrs K. Hargreaves	Mrs. C. Bond Mrs. J. Hayes Mrs. K. Minton Mrs. C. Feakes Miss. L. Samuels Ms. J. Layfield

SPECIALIST SEN SUPPORT: Mrs. J. Taylor-Riley

PASTORAL MANAGER: Mrs. M. Bradley

INCLUSION COORDINATOR: Mrs. M. Ashley

