

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Families of Bakewell Class,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I am writing to update you on a change to the teaching arrangements in Bakewell Class following the October half-term break.

As you may be aware, Ian, who joined us as Class Teacher in September, has now left Ivy House School. We would like to thank Ian for his contribution during his time with us and wish him all the best for the future.

From the start of Autumn Term 2, **Lucy Finnegan will be taking on the role of Class Teacher for Bakewell Class.** Lucy is a highly experienced and valued member of the Ivy House School team, having worked at the school for several years. She currently works as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant specialising in Sensory Regulation and brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and understanding of the needs of our pupils.

Lucy is already familiar with the children and the wider school community, which will help to ensure continuity and a smooth transition. We are confident that her experience, skills and established relationships within the school will support the children to continue learning, developing and thriving.

Lucy will be organising a Coffee Morning for you to come into school to meet her, details of this will be sent out in the first week after half term.

Lucy will continue to be supported by **Amanda Shipley, Assistant Headteacher**, alongside the established team of Teaching Assistants:

- **Ashleigh Allen**
- **Abbie Baines**
- **Ethan Masters**
- **Alesha Ahmed**

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these arrangements further, please do not hesitate to contact **Amanda Shipley, Assistant Headteacher for the Secondary Department**, via the school office.

Kind regards,



George Turner
Headteacher