

# New Head of Maths



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Dear Year 5 Parents,

I am writing to introduce myself as Head of Maths and inform you of some changes that may affect your child and explain our reasons behind making those changes. Over the last few weeks, I have been meeting with the staff from the maths department to find out about each of their classes. We are very committed to ensuring that all pupils have the best opportunity to succeed both this year, in their future qualifications and throughout their life using mathematics.

Although we are only just getting to know our Year 5s, we have analysed their first progress week data. We combined it with our knowledge and experience of working within our setting model over recent years and taken the decision that we need to make adjustments to classes. There are a group of pupils who we feel need to develop their mathematical fluency to be able to engage effectively with the Key Stage 2 curriculum. We think that we should bring these pupils into one group to focus on the skills and knowledge they are missing; cover the principles of the critical objectives from Year 5 so that they are better prepared to be able to achieve more in Year 6. We are keen for our teachers to support but also stretch and challenge pupils. We believe that this approach will allow all pupils the best opportunity to achieve the most.

I am very much looking forward to stepping into the role of Head of Maths and thank you for your ongoing support with your child's mathematics. Over the coming months, I look forward to sharing with you the successes that your children achieve and the next steps in their learning. I hope these class changes will give pupils the chance to achieve their best. In the first few weeks of January, I will be on paternity leave; if you have any concerns regarding maths please initially contact your child's maths teacher or if appropriate our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Bowker.

Best regards,

**Mr L Oates**  
**Head of Maths**