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 Headteacher: Mrs C Stafford  
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24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in their 'Move Up Day'. They will meet their new teachers and complete learning with their new class. Children moving up to our Reception Class will have a 'Move Up Week' and visit their new classroom every afternoon from Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>.

*\*Please note, children in Miss Higginbottom's class will have their 'Move Up Day' on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>*

For your information, please read the staffing arrangements for next year.

Year Group	Base	Class Teacher(s)	Support Staff
<b>Early Years Foundation Stage Led by Mrs Marcus</b>	Nursery	Mrs Marcus	<b>Mrs Bradley</b> Miss Grant
	Reception	Mrs Brown/Mrs Hodgkinson Miss Winfield	Mrs Cox (mornings only) Apprentice TA (to be confirmed)
<b>Y1/2 Led by Mr Adlington</b>	Black Base	Miss Libberton	<b>Mrs Flinders</b> Mrs Crookes Mrs Eason
	Purple Base	Miss Smitton	
	Green Base	Mr Adlington	
<b>Y3/4 Led by Mrs Fairfax</b>	Brown Base	Mrs Rahman/Mrs Knutsen	<b>Mr Fox</b> Mrs Grice Mrs Price Mr Wormleighton
	Orange Base	Miss Higginbottom	
	White Base	Miss Wells	
<b>Y5 Led by Mrs Dunn</b>	Blue Base	Mrs Bailey	<b>Mrs Wolstenholme</b>
<b>Y6 Led by Mrs Dunn</b>	Red Base	Mrs Dunn	
	Red Base	Mr McArthur	

Mrs Fairfax will not be 'class-based' but she will continue to provide regular cover for classes and lead teaching and learning across the school. Mrs Kay, our Inclusion Manager, is in school each Tuesday and Wednesday. She is supported by Mr Coy, our Learning Mentor, who works with children across the school. Mrs Cox will continue to support children in all year groups with their speech and language needs. Other support staff are allocated according to the needs of each individual year group – support staff in **bold** also provide PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) cover for whole classes.

The majority of our classes are 'mixed age' year groups. This is because we generally have between 35 and 45 children in each year group - 'mixed age' classes therefore allow us to teach children in smaller classes of approximately 26 children. Please rest assured that your child will be taught according to the age-related expectations of their year group and also their individual needs. Due to lower pupil numbers in Year 5 next year, children in Years 5 and 6 will be taught as single-age year groups in 2019/20. We anticipate that this will also be the case in 2020/21.

### **Staff Changes**

I am delighted to welcome Miss Winfield, Miss Smitton and Miss Higginbottom to the school who will be teaching in our Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Year 3/4 respectively. We are sure you will give them all a friendly Reignhead welcome! All three teachers will be visiting the school during this final term to meet the children.

Sadly, Mrs Barnes is leaving us in July as she is moving to Hong Kong with her husband – we know that Mrs Barnes will be missed by many of you and we are very sad to see her go. The children of Hong Kong are very lucky indeed!

Miss Hemsley is also setting off on a new adventure and will be travelling to Australia for a year! She leaves at the end of the summer holidays but we are delighted that she will be returning to Reignhead in September 2020. We look forward to hearing all her stories when she comes back.

I would also like to thank Mrs Chauhan and Mrs Duke for all their hard work at Reignhead over the past year and a half. They both started work at the school on a short-term basis but we just couldn't quite let them go! We wish both of them well and hope to see them again at Reignhead soon. Finally, it has been lovely to have Mrs Clayton back at Reignhead, this time teaching in Year 3/4. I'd like to thank her for her contribution to the school over the past two terms and wish her all the very best in the future.

### **Open Evening**

Finally, you are invited to school between 3:30 and 6pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July to view your child's most recent work in class and also to meet your child's new class teacher. We will also be hosting a 'Pop Up Art Gallery' in the dining room where you will be able to view a selection of the children's artistic creations! We do hope you can attend.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please address them either to your child's class teacher or make an appointment with the school office to see me. I am also on the Upper Yard most mornings before school and I am always happy to answer any queries then.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Carole Stafford  
Headteacher