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Dear Parents and Carers

Class and staffing updates

Please find attached the class structure with allocated staff members for each class. We are in the process of organising classes for next year and this information will be sent out with your child's end of year report. Whilst we recognise that class organisation can cause some children and parents anxiety, we would like to remind you that we are unable to take parental requests into consideration. I am sure that you will appreciate that it is no easy task to balance academic, social and health needs but I can assure you that a lot of due care and consideration goes into the planning of classes. In addition to the named staff members assigned to classes, we continue to have our team of dedicated High Needs Teaching Assistants who work with our pupils with additional needs. If your child has high needs support they will be allocated a Teaching Assistant/s to continue working with them.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Denise Barkham (School Business Manager) at the end of this academic year. Mrs Barkham has been part of the Oakhurst family since before the school even opened in 2009. Mrs Barkham has played a vital role in the school for 14 years; managing the budget, taking responsibility for HR, health & safety, managing the admin team and overseeing the site management. She will take with her a wealth of knowledge and experience which will be missed by us all. On a personal note, I will miss her support and wisdom which she has offered to me since I became the Headteacher at Oakhurst.

We will also see some teaching staff leaving Oakhurst on a temporary basis whilst they take maternity leave. We wish Miss Haywood and Miss Amies all the best as they begin maternity leave at the end of the school year. Mrs Rouse will also be taking maternity leave just before Christmas. Luckily, Mrs Haynes will return as Mrs Rouse leaves so this will mean a smooth transition for the Reception children.

We look forward to meeting all our new pupils and staff members over the coming weeks. I am pleased to inform you that all new teachers will be available to meet their class on the transition day (19th July).

Finally, we wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their transition to secondary school. This is always a time where there is a mixture of emotions for our Year 6 pupils, they are excited to take their next steps but sad to say goodbye too. They are a lovely year group who we all know will go onto great things. We are excited to think about what their futures hold.

Kind regards,

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