

June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of the Summer term is fast approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to pay tribute to your children for their hard work and achievements over the past academic year and, of course, to thank you all for your continued support of Sandy Hill Academy.

I also wanted to share with you, our staff and class structure for the forthcoming year, as there are several changes which we wanted to inform you of.

Firstly, effective from September, I will be taking on a new role as strategic partner for the Aspire Academy Trust and leading the development of EYFS across the Trust. We're delighted that Mrs Rundle, currently our Assistant Head of School, has been appointed the role of Head of School.

With the expansion of the school, the class formation for 2019-2020 will be as follows:

Sandy Hill Nursery – Mrs. Burton  
2 x Reception classes – Mrs. Evans (EYFS Lead) & Miss. Polmounter  
2 x Year 1 classes – Mr. Williams (KS1 Lead) & Mrs. Adkins  
2 x Year 2 classes – Miss. Bussandri & Mrs. Osborne  
Year 3 – Ms. O'Brien  
Year 4 – Miss. Heather  
Year 5 – Miss. Rogers  
Year 6 – Mr. Walker (KS2 Lead) & Mr. Lockett

We will be holding transition mornings on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July, when the children will have the opportunity to get to know their new teachers and spend some time in their new classes. On these days all children should register in their usual class and will be dismissed from their normal class also. This will be a great opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher and enjoy a taste of their new class for September.

On this week, following transition sessions, we will also be holding Parent Welcome Meetings at 3:10 on the following dates:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Y5 (Miss. Rogers) and Y6 (Mr. Walker and Mr. Lockett) – in Y5 and Y6 classrooms  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y2 – in the hall (Miss. Bussandri and Mrs. Osborne)  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Y1 – in the hall (Mr. Williams and Mrs. Adkins)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Y3 (Ms. O'Brien) and Y4 (Miss. Heather) - in Y3 and Y4 classrooms

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Our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to visit their chosen secondary school also at the beginning of July. Poltair will be hosting their transition days on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, with Penrice holding their transition days on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please attend your chosen school on the relevant date, however, we look forward to seeing you at Sandy Hill if you are not attending transition on either of these dates.

You will have noticed that we have new teachers who will be joining us in September. Our newly appointed teachers are all very excited and keen to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils; they are looking forward to meeting everyone on the transition mornings and welcome meetings.

We are very pleased to have Miss. Polmounter join us as one of our reception teachers who should be familiar to those of you who attended our recent parent welcome meeting.

We are delighted to also welcome Mr. Williams to Year 1, who will also be our Key Stage 1 Lead Teacher.

We are also thrilled to be able to welcome back Miss. Rogers to Sandy Hill, as she has now completed her teacher training and will be returning here to teach Year 5.

In Year 1 we are happy to have appointed Mrs. Adkins until the end of the Autumn term who has already started working with our pupils and team.

Mrs. Edyvean has been offered the exciting opportunity to teach at Probus Academy for the forthcoming academic year and we are delighted that she will be able to share her expertise and best practice with our fellow Aspire colleagues across Early Years, disseminating her professional knowledge further afield.

Miss Seeley will be completing her secondment with us this term and moving to our new Nansledan School, continuing to develop her career further and she is keen to seize this great professional development opportunity, moving forwards.

Mrs. Matthews will be leaving us at the end of the summer term, choosing to take a change in career direction, moving away from teaching, following a successful teaching career across many year groups as well as leading the teaching and learning of subjects across the academy.

We say a final farewell to Mrs. Bawden, as a teacher, as she takes the time to focus on her family business. We are certainly glad to know she will continue to remain a part of the school very much, as she has agreed to continue in her role as Hub Councillor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her continued support across the whole academy, having a far-reaching knowledge of experience, advice and support.

We are sure, along with us, you wish all staff who are choosing to move on to new chapters in their careers every best wish and continued success. We welcome your support and involvement in the year ahead, and I am sure you will join me in thanking both the students and staff for another excellent year's work.

Thank you again, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Bingham  
Head of School