



“...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.”

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the uncertainty of this current academic year, I would like to share staffing information for September 2020, so that we can start to plan a transition programme for all children, regardless of whether they are in school or not.

For the third year in a row, I am in the incredibly rare position of not having to inform you of any staffing changes! Coming into my fourth as Headteacher of St. Paul's, we have worked hard to retain the very best staff for our school; something which I believe we have achieved. In order to continue to be the very best school that we can and to develop our staff capabilities, I have made the decision to move some teachers into different classes and year groups.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant(s)
Birch	Miss Craft	Mrs Searles
Oak	Mr Johnson	Mrs Reeves Mrs Coghlan
Beech	Miss Searles	Mrs Keech Mrs Northover
Maple	Mr Ledger	Mrs Franklin Mrs Broad

As I have mentioned in the past, I truly believe that one of the biggest difficulties schools face, current pandemic aside, is recruiting and retaining staff. Whilst not mentioned in the staffing structure above, there are many other people that contribute to your child's learning and experience at St. Paul's. We have a team of seven Teaching Assistants who provide 1:1 support, group support and additional support within the classrooms. We are fortunate to have such a skilled and committed team and their efforts must not go unnoticed. An excellent Teacher, working with an excellent Teaching Assistant is a very powerful combination, which I believe we have at St. Paul's.

Beyond the classroom, we have other adults that are all contributing to your child's development on a daily basis, in many other ways. These include Mrs Simmons and Mrs Doherty, in the School Office; our Cleaning and Caretaking team of Mr Fenlon and Miss Strachan and the School Kitchen team of Ms Medhurst and Ms Jerman. In addition to our IT Support, Breakfast and After-School Club and the Governing Body. It is a pleasure to be able to lead over twenty-five committed individuals each day, that care deeply about your children and feel proud to work at St. Paul's.

Whilst transition arrangements will be slightly more difficult this year, we will ensure that your child has a number of opportunities to spend time face-to-face or virtually with their new teacher and peers over the remainder of the academic year. In addition to this, time will be dedicated to transition in September, should current restrictions change.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns about this, or anything else regarding school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Ben Hulme**  
Headteacher