

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some important changes to the staff and teaching arrangements at our school. I am sad to announce that Mrs. Davis, our current SENCO, will be leaving the school at the end of this week due to personal reasons. As a team we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Davis for her dedication and hard work in supporting our children with additional needs, as well as her teaching groups across the school and we wish her all the very best for the future.

I am pleased to introduce Mrs. Julie Pettit as the new SENCO for our school. Mrs. Pettit is an experienced professional who has previously worked at several other local schools and with many local agencies. We are confident that her wealth of knowledge and experience will ensure that our children with additional needs continue to be supported to the highest standards. From 1st January 2025, Mrs. Pettit will be your main point of contact for any concerns or queries related to special educational needs. You can reach her through all the usual forms of communication.

In addition to this staffing change, I would like to inform you of a change in the Year 6 teaching arrangements. As a result of Mrs. Davis's departure, we have made the decision to teach Year 6 English and Maths as one combined class from January. This will allow us to provide a more cohesive and consistent approach to these important subjects. The children will continue to be taught as two separate groups for all other areas of the curriculum.

While we recognise that this arrangement will result in a larger-than-average class size, we are confident that the expertise of Ms. Simon and Mrs. Doyle, alongside the dedicated support of an assigned teaching assistant, will ensure high-quality teaching and learning. This collaborative approach will enable all pupils to receive the personalised attention and support they need to succeed.

Rest assured that we will continually monitor the progress of pupils under this arrangement to ensure their learning and wellbeing remain a priority. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Grattage  
Headteacher