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STAFFING AND CLASSES FOR 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your children for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a truly rewarding year at Ecclesfield Primary School, filled with many wonderful moments and achievements.

I am writing to inform you of some staffing updates and class arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

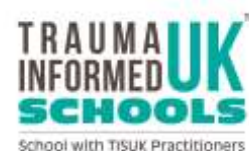
I am delighted to share that we will be welcoming new members of staff to our team as well as some staff who will be changing roles within the school and the federation. I hope you will join me in extending congratulations to them as they become part of the Ecclesfield Primary School community.

Staff joining our team

- Mr Smith will be joining the leadership team from September as Head of School. He comes with a wealth of experience, and we are excited to welcome him into the role. Mr Smith will be attending some of our transition sessions in July to meet with children and staff in preparation for September.

Staff who are changing job roles

- Mrs Robinson has been appointed as Federation Inclusion Manager. Although it had been announced that she was leaving, she has made the decision to stay with us. She is excited for this new opportunity to support pupils, staff and parents in school, and we are pleased that she is staying within our Senior Leadership Team.
- Miss Pickstone, who has worked with us as a Playworker, has been successful in securing the role of Speech and Language Teaching Assistant from September. She is excited for the new role, and we know that she will do a fantastic job. Miss Pickstone will be shadowing Miss Brittain over the next few weeks to support her transition into the role.
- Mr Flanagan, who has worked with us as a HLTA, has been successfully appointed as a class teacher. He will be working as a part-time class teacher in Year 5 as well as continuing with his HLTA role. Mr Flanagan will also be teaching in Year 2 to cover until Mrs Oldham returns from her maternity leave.



Staff who are leaving

- Mrs Travers, our Assistant Headteacher, has been successful in being appointed as a Vice-Principal in another school. Mrs Travers has been at Ecclesfield Primary School for 15 years, and she has a wealth of experience and expertise. We are so happy for Mrs Travers and know that she will do an excellent job in her new role, but she will be greatly missed by staff, parents/carers and children alike. We wish her all the best in her new role.
- Miss Brittain, who has worked as our Speech and Language TA, is leaving us at the end of the academic year. She is going to train as a Speech and Language therapist, and we hope that we get to work with her again in the future in her new role.
- Mrs Hancox, who is a part of our SENDCO team, has been successfully appointed to Rotherham Council in their SEND department. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Hancox, but we are incredibly sad to see her go. She has been a fantastic support for staff, parents and children across the Federation for the last 18 years. We know that she will go on to do wonderful things, but she will be sorely missed.

Marriages

- Miss Butler will be getting married in the summertime. She will return to us in September as Mrs Sawyer. We wish her and her future husband a wonderful wedding day and a very happy marriage.
- Miss Naylor, who has been on maternity leave this year, got married last month. She will be returning from her maternity leave as Mrs Steel. Huge congratulations to her and her husband on their marriage.
- Miss Brittain is also getting married over the summer. We wish her and her fiancé all the best on their wedding day.

Maternity Leave updates

- Mrs Steel (Miss Naylor) will be returning from her maternity leave in July.
- Mrs Oldham will be returning from her maternity leave later in the autumn term.
- Mrs English will be starting her maternity leave in September, we wish her and her husband all the best as their family grows and they welcome their new baby girl.

We look forward to welcoming both Mrs Steel and Mrs Oldham back with us.



Classes for 2026-2027

After carefully considering *each year group's context*, we have decided that all classes will remain as they are for the coming academic year.

Current Class	New Class	New Class Teacher
FSP	Y1F	Miss Fidler
FSL	Y1N	Miss Nelson
Y1N	Y2OW	Mrs Oldham (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)* Mrs Wilson (Thursday, Friday) *Mr Flanagan will be teaching the class from September until Mrs Oldham returns from her maternity leave
Y1F	Y2B	Miss Barrett
Y2B	Y3W	Mr Wells
Y2HW	Y3SS	Mrs Steel (Miss Naylor) (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Stott (Thursday, Friday)
Y3GS	Y4GH	Miss Garner (Monday, Tuesday) Mrs Hill (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Y3W	Y4FG	Mrs Fothergill (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) Miss Garner (Friday)
Y4R	Y5W	Mr Walker
Y4L	Y5GF	Mrs Gething (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mr Flanagan (Thursday, Friday)
Y5W	Y6R	Miss Robinson
Y5GT	Y6L	Miss Latham

Over the next few weeks, all members of staff will be making themselves known to their new class in preparation for our transition sessions in July. Once TA recruitment and deployment have been finalised, the TAs for each class will also be shared with parents and carers.

- Wednesday 1st July – Whole-School Transition afternoon
- Thursday 2nd July - Whole-School Transition afternoon
- Friday 3rd July - Whole-School Transition morning



- Tuesday 7th July – Parents and Carers meeting with the new class teachers. More information about this will be sent out closer to the time.

Additional transition opportunities for children with SEND will be planned in for identified children.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any further questions.

Mrs Chadwick,

Executive Headteacher

