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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to confirm the staffing arrangements and transition arrangements for next year.

Mrs Wales is excitedly awaiting the arrival of her first child with the baby due early in September. Mrs Timmins will join our staff team and will provide maternity cover for Reception. Mrs Timmins is a hugely experienced Early Years teacher who knows the school well. Between now and the end of term she will be working with Mrs Wales to ensure that her transition into this role is smooth and she is well prepared for the new school year.

After many years of outstanding service Mr Dimmock is moving towards retirement with Mrs Birbeck-Simpson assuming the role of Inclusion manager. Mr Dimmock will continue to support Mrs Birbeck-Simpson's induction into this role.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Cox to our teaching team. This might prove to be a little confusing for parents as we will have two Miss Cox's in the building. During a thorough interview process Miss Cox proved herself to be a talented teacher and arrives with excellent references. She is excited to be starting her career at Castlecroft and will take up the role of Year 6 teacher. Mrs Birbeck-Simpson will be working alongside Miss Cox during the morning to support her induction into school and to add her expertise in helping our Year 6 to catch up any lost learning during lockdown and to prepare them for their transition to secondary school. She will be teaching in tandem with Miss Cox to achieve this.

Miss Cox will be in school the next two weeks to begin to get to know the class and to begin planning for the forthcoming year.

Class Teachers for September are as follows:-

Nursery - Mrs Wallace and Miss Weston

Reception - Mrs Timmins (maternity cover for Mrs Wales)

Year 1 -Mrs Shaw and Miss Cox
Year 2 - Mrs Russell
Year 3 - Miss MacFarland
Year 4 - Miss Campion
Year 5 - Mr Beddall
Year 6 - Miss Cox and Mrs Birbeck-Simpson

Mr Morgan will work with KS2 classes in the afternoon as well as leading after school sports clubs. (covid restrictions permitting)

Mrs Bradbury will be teaching foreign languages to children in Year 1 to 6 on a Thursday (covid restrictions permitting)

Guidance to schools regarding the Covid 19 situation is constantly changing. Current advice from public health is that 'live' transition events should not take place and that these should be carried out remotely. Therefore we will be offering parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher on **Monday 12th July from 5 till 6pm**. The event will be held via Microsoft teams and an invitation will be sent in the usual way. Unfortunately, we will not be able to carry out our usual transition morning for children where they move up into their new classroom and meet their new teacher. Therefore children can also join this meeting if they wish to meet their new teacher.

I will write to you shortly to set out our initial plans for how school will operate in September. This will need to be confirmed during the Summer holidays. I will also provide the usual 'housekeeping' reminders in an end of term letter but please be aware that the **last day of term is Wednesday 21st July and the children return on Monday 6th September**.

Finally, Mrs Argyle has taken the decision to retire after over 20 years of service as a lunchtime supervisor. I am sure that you join me in wishing her a long, happy and healthy retirement. She does not escape that easily though and has promised to return as a volunteer.

Many thanks



Mr A Dyall

Headteacher