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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Staffing Update and Classes 2023-2024**

As a Trust, we pride ourselves upon the development and wellbeing of all our staff; however, this means that at the end of each year we often say a farewell to those moving on to new environments and roles and welcome new people into our school. One of the advantages of being part of a Trust is the opportunity to share expertise and have the opportunity to work across both the First and Middle school, supporting children with a soft step transition.

### **Leaving the Trust**

We are saying a sad farewell to five members of staff who are leaving BFS from the end of this academic year.

Miss Charlotte Ellis - Miss Ellis has worked at BFS for the past two years and has contributed greatly to BFS over the years and as much as we are sad to see her go we want to wish her the best of luck as she starts her new adventure of teaching aboard.

Miss Jemma Thorne - Miss Thorne has worked as a Learning Support Assistant within Year 2. We want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Thorne for all the support she has given to the learners in her care. She will be extremely missed but we wish her the best of luck as she begins her teacher training from September.

Miss Ellie Ramsey - has been working with the learners in Reception as a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant. We will be sad to see her go but wish her the best of luck as she starts her university degree in September.

Mr George Tubbs - Mr Tubbs will be leaving us to further develop his career. We can't thank Mr Tubbs enough for his support and dedication to supporting PE at BFS.

Mrs Jarin Choudhury - Mrs Choudhury has worked at BFS for 10 years as a Lunch Time Supervisor. We can't thank her enough for her continued support and experiences she has offered the children at lunch times.

I want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of them for their commitment and hard work. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in the next step of their careers.

### **Moving to Broadstone Middle School**

As much as we are sad to see the below staff moving on from Broadstone First School, we are delighted that they will be joining the Broadstone Middle School team and that we will still continue to work closely with each and every one of them.

Miss Hannah Burbidge, Miss Burbidge has been at BFS for 7 years and will be joining the Year 5 team at Broadstone Middle School. She has raised the profile of reading across the school and has made an impact on many learners and their families. I know she will be missed by all. We wish her the best of luck as she continues teaching at BMS.

Miss Ella Crocker, Miss Crocker will be joining the Year 6 team at Broadstone Middle School. Miss Crocker has taught in Year 2 for the past 3 years and has inspired learners across the school. She is now ready for the next challenge as she moves to upper Key Stage 2. We know she will be a great asset to the team.

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Mrs Carolyn Freeborn, Mrs Freeborn is heading to Broadstone Middle to share her passion of reading and writing through teaching KS3 English. A massive thank you to Mrs Freeborn for all she has done for the learners at Broadstone First.

Miss Lauren Forsyth, Miss Forsyth has been with us at BFS for 2 years. She has taught in Year 3 and provided some wonderful memories for the learners in her care. We wish her the best of luck as she moves to Broadstone Middle to continue her teaching career.

### **Welcome New Team**

As we say a goodbye to some staff, we also welcome new members into the team. We appreciate that change can be an unsettling for some however we wish to embrace these changes positively and will ensure smooth transitions for all children and families. Our new staff, have a wealth of experience to offer at Broadstone First School.

Miss Fran Lee - Miss Lee will be joining us as a class teacher. She is an experienced teacher who has been teaching up at Broadstone Middle School in KS2. She is extremely excited to be joining us at BFS. She can't wait to introduce Spanish to UBC and she is keen to support the development of our Eco Warriors and House System next year.

Miss Tia Sinfield-Abbott, Miss Kitty Van Teijlingen, Miss Bethany Robertson, Miss Jemma Cable and Miss Kelly Whitfield will all be joining us as class teachers. They have recently finished their teacher training and are excited to be joining our school. They have been spending time at our school getting to know the school and pupils better prior to the transition day. They cannot wait to meet their new classes and their families.

Mr Sam Churches - Mr Churches will be joining us to teach Music. He will be in school on a Monday and Friday and will be taking each class for their Music session. He will also be running some music afterschool clubs.

Mrs Emily Hallums - Mrs Hallums joined us in the Spring term and will be a Year 1 class teacher from September. She is an experienced teacher and is spent this term getting know the children across the school through covering PPA.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to Broadstone First and we look forward to the year ahead. We cannot wait for you to meet them.

### **Other News**

I am delighted to share that Miss Katie Owen is expecting her first child. Miss Owen will be with us in the Autumn Term before the arrival of her baby. For the academic year 2023-2024, Miss Owen will not have her own class but will instead be supporting as a third teacher within Year 3 until her maternity leave commences. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Owen and her family on their exciting news.

### **Classes and Staffing for 2023-24**

With transfer day approaching, families begin to wonder who will be looking after their children next year. As usual, classes will be mixed again. The needs of the children are paramount in our minds when deciding on class groups. We can promise that they will be placed with at least one friend, selected from their friendship flower but we can't **absolutely** guarantee more than that (although of course we will try!). We do have to consider a number of different factors when we make class groups and we only have two classes to split children between. We must balance friendship groups with abilities, special educational needs and gender. It is so much more complex than just dividing children between two classes which is why it is impossible to respond to the requests of individual families.

Please find below the confirmed teachers for each year group. We will write to you shortly with information regarding Learning Support Assistants. You and your child will find out their class teacher on Friday 30 June. They will be bringing home a transfer booklet and letter outlining their new class and teacher. All children will spend the day with their new class and new teacher, getting to know one another and looking to the year ahead. ***Please can we ask you drop your child off at that their current class and then collect at 3.05pm from their new year***

**group collection point. There will members of staff available to assist you to where you need to go. Please note clubs will continue to run on this day.**

Year	Class	Teacher
Reception	Opals	Mrs Tanya White (Improvement Champion and EYFS Lead)
	Pearls	Mrs Kitty Van-Teijlingen
Year 1	Amber	Miss Kelly Whitfield
	Coral	Mrs Emily Hallums
Year 2	Jade	Mr Tom Ball (Senior Teacher)
	Emerald	Miss Bethany Robertson
Year 3	Tanzanite	Miss Tia Sinfield
	Amethyst	Miss Jemma Cable
	Both Classes	Miss Katie Owen
Year 4	Topaz	Miss Fran Lee
	Sapphire	Mr Sam Orbell

Members of staff not assigned to a class
<p>Senior Teacher and PE Teacher- Mrs Sophie Burke            Improvement Champion and ECT Support- Miss Sarah Gauntlett            Music Teacher- Mr Sam Churches            PPA cover- Mrs Sharon Saunders            Learning Mentor- Mrs Nicola Rowell            Send/Wellbeing Lead- Miss Megan Pike</p>

As always, if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes



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Head of School