



PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I do hope that you are all well.

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has recently announced that all children from all year groups will return to school in September. I expect that there may be revised guidance issued to schools around how they should operate from then. You should expect this to mean that I will communicate with you - letting you all know what you and the children should expect.

I am now in a position to provide you with details of the staffing arrangements for the new school year beginning in September. Traditionally, early in July, all children spend time meeting their new class teacher for the following year. This year, this hasn't been possible but we are thinking about what we might be able to do as an alternative in order to support the children - we will come up with something, that's for sure! On the plan that I can share, I have highlighted the current class that the new class teacher will lead from September.

Staffing 2020 - 2021

Leadership Team

Mr. P Griffin - Headteacher

Miss. A Norcliffe - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs. H Petros - Assistant Headteacher
(Key Stage One)

Mrs. T Bailey - Assistant Headteacher
(Key Stage Two)

Mrs. L Anderson - Kirby
(Inclusion and Additional Needs Leader)

Teaching Staff

Year 6	Mrs. A Butler 6B <i>current class 5D</i>	Mr. D Hammond 6H <i>current class 5W</i>	Support Staff Mrs. S Bruck Mrs. H Chebbi Mrs. M Anderson
Year 5	Mrs. K Willacy 5W <i>current class 4N</i>	Mrs. T Bailey 5B <i>current class 4BM</i>	
Year 4	Mrs. R Roper 4R <i>current class 3R</i>	Mrs. D Mercer & Mrs. A Tarry 4MT <i>current class 3H</i>	Mrs. M Mould Ms. L Tatham Miss. R Court
Year 3	Miss. M Broome 3B <i>current class 2NP</i>	Miss. M Powner 3P <i>current class 2P</i>	
Year 2	Mrs. H Petros 2P <i>current class 1M</i>	Miss. C Margrave 2M <i>current class 1B</i>	Mrs. A McKinnell Mrs. A O'Neill Mrs. K Ison Miss. E Merkelbach
Year 1	Mrs. M Mann 1B <i>current class RR</i>	Mrs. A Phillips 1P <i>current class RMT</i>	
Reception	Mrs. A McBride & Miss. D Moxam RM	Miss. K Pollard - RP	Mrs. T Poole Miss. G Allsopp
Nursery (Oaks)	Mrs. M Hiskett	Mrs. S Hanlon Mrs. V Brindley Mrs. S Hill Mrs. D Madeloff Mrs. E Roynon Mrs. V Morgan Miss. A Roynon	
2 Year Olds (Acorns)			
Additional Teachers	Mrs. L Anderson-Kirby (Inclusion and Additional Needs Leader) Mrs. K Dodd (Teacher)		
Additional Support Staff	Miss. M Ingram Mrs. D Griffiths Miss. C Bartlett		

Expansion Programme

Park Hill's expansion programme is now complete! From September, we will be a full two-form entry school resulting in around 490 children attending Park Hill. We have a small waiting list for entry into Reception too which means that we are a popular school that parents are keen to send their children to.

Ending a Park Hill Journey

This year, we are saying goodbye to staff members and I would like to remind you of who these are:

Mr Lawrence has been successful in gaining promotion and from September will leave Park Hill to lead his own school, Cedars Academy in Birmingham. Mr Lawrence has worked at Park Hill for a little over seven years - joining the staff team in April 2013.

Over this time, Mr Lawrence has worked with a huge amount of children.

It is a sad occasion to say goodbye to any member of staff but as deputy headteacher Mr Lawrence and I have lead the school in partnership and I will miss working alongside him from September. I am proud that he has gained promotion and think that he will be an huge asset to the staff, parents and children at Cedars Academy.

Mr Freeman has worked at Park Hill for four years - joining the school as a teacher brand new to the profession. Throughout Mr Freeman's time at Park Hill, he has been based in Year Six and I have had the pleasure of watching him develop into an excellent teacher. I am grateful to him for his time, energy and commitment to the children at Park Hill and also the additional pressure that being based in Year Six brings to a teacher - his support with residential visits and the transition work around supporting the children as they move onto a secondary school.

Retirement

Sandra Thompson has dedicated a significant number of years to the children of Park Hill. Many of you will know Sandra from her work with the playgroup that was on the school site - joining the playgroup team in June 2000. More recently than that, Sandra joined the Park Hill staff through the amalgamation of the playgroup and the school.

Sandra has decided to retire at the end of the academic year - now is the best time for her to step away from school duties and to join her husband in retirement also.

I would like to thank her for her service to the hundreds of children that have attended playgroup and preschool over this time and for her dedication to supporting the staff, parents and children at the school. I would like to wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Dodd back in 1980 qualified as a teacher. After forty years of dedicated service to the teaching profession, she has decided to retire and step away from full-time teaching. Whilst she has only worked for a small part of this time at Park Hill - around three years - Mrs Dodd has amassed huge experience in teaching children as well as working for many years as a deputy head teacher and also a headteacher.

Fortunately for Park Hill, Mrs Dodd will not retire fully! She has agreed to remain at the school for a small part of the week - providing cover, from September - initially in Year Five.

Mrs Dodd is keen to follow other interests including foster caring as she steps away from a full-time working commitment. Again, I would like to wish Mrs Dodd all of the very best for her plans and to thank her for her service to the children and families at Park Hill.

Beginning a Park Hill Journey

Whilst there are staff members leaving, I am delighted to be able to welcome some ones to the team. I am really excited to be able to introduce these to you:

Class Teachers

Miss Margrave and Miss Powner will join us from September - working in Year 2 and Year 3 respectively. I would like to welcome them to the school and I hope that they enjoy getting to know the staff, parents and children over their first term.

Inclusion Leader

Since Mrs King left at Christmas, Mrs Petros has maintained an interim leadership role around Inclusion. From September, Mrs Anderson-Kirby will join the school and leadership team and has been appointed as a permanent replacement for the role vacated at Christmas.

Mrs Anderson- Kirby is an experienced teacher and Inclusion Leader having worked for a number of years within schools in Warwickshire. I am delighted that she is joining us and think that she will be a strong advocate and champion for the children especially those who have special educational needs or have disabilities.

Promotion

There are two current staff members whose roles will change from September and I am delighted to be able to share with you news of their promotion.

Miss Norcliffe, current Assistant Headteacher across Key Stage One, has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher and from September will take over the 'leadership reigns' from Mr. Lawrence. Miss. Norcliffe has worked at Park Hill for five years and during that time has maintained a range of roles - most recently as an Assistant Headteacher.

I have no doubt that Miss. Norcliffe will be a huge asset to the staff, parents and children at Park Hill and am delighted for her. I cannot wait to work alongside her in September and already very proud of her achievement.

As Miss. Norcliffe, moves onto Deputy Headship at Park Hill, her vacant Assistant Headteacher role has been filled by Mrs Petros. From September, Mrs Petros will step from part-time to a full-time leadership position as well as maintain a teaching commitment for a Year Two class.

Mrs Petros has worked at Park Hill for almost three years but brings a wealth of experience to her new role and naturally I would like to wish her the best for the new academic year.

Maternity Leave

Continuing on maternity leave will be Mrs. Rosser and Ms. Nickerson. I anticipate their return at some point during the academic year but for the time-being they are enjoying time away with their new babies and learning more about being a 'mum'.

Transition

Our traditional transition arrangements have not taken place in the usual way! We would usually expect our Year Six children to head to their new schools for the day, leaving the other children to gather in the hall, to meet their new teacher and to spend time in new classrooms. Instead, teachers have prepared information to share with children - staff have made short videos which I hope the children enjoy and help support them to begin thinking about the new academic year and be excited about it!

Since March, it really has been a very strange chapter of our lives. Whilst school has remained open since 'lock down', there are so many children who haven't been in school for a very long period.

Rest assured, we will do all that we can to support the children's return - we cannot wait to get started!

Please do not hesitate to contact me via headteacher@parkhill.coventry.sch.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Griffin
Headteacher