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Headteacher: Mrs Alicia Todhunter

Monday 21st June 2021,

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Staffing and Leadership Changes 2021-22

At this point in the year there are often changes to school staffing for the forthcoming year. I am writing to inform you of the changes that will be taking place at Dane Bank from September.

After 23 years at Dane Bank, Mrs Lingenfelter has taken the decision to retire from her post as Early Years Lead. Mrs Lingenfelter has made a huge contribution to the school over this time and has had an impact on the lives of many children. Her leadership has been recognised by Ofsted and she has provided support to other schools both locally and further afield. However, we are pleased to inform you that Mrs Lingenfelter will continue to work at Dane Bank as a Class Teacher for one day a week.

Mr Robinslaw will be leaving at the end of term to take up another position. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking him for his hard work and commitment over the last two years.

Staffing arrangements for the coming year are as follows:

	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Mrs Keyworth	Mrs Stewart / Mrs Beale
Reception	Mrs Megson Mrs Lingenfelter	Miss Shaw
Year 1	Mrs Collins (née Miss Odenrode)	Mrs Wilkinson
Year 2	Mrs Leigh (née Miss Pickup)	Mrs Wilson
Year 3	Mrs Fuggle	Mrs Higham
Year 4	Mr Varley	
Year 5	To be confirmed.	
Year 6	Mrs Rathbone & Mrs Bridge	Mrs Pike

Although Teaching Assistants have been assigned to classes, they will also work across their age phases as appropriate. Mrs Clarke will remain on maternity leave for the Autumn Term.



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During the Summer Term, we spend time preparing the pupils for their moves in to the next stage of their education. For some, this involves moves to new key stages and even new schools – nevertheless, we recognise that this can be a stressful time for all pupils. In response to this, all pupils will have a moving up session with their new teacher during the day on Wednesday 14th July.

Depending on the COVID situation, parents and carers will be invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' session early in September. This will be a brief, informal meeting to allow you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out what changes you can expect and what essential information you will need to know. We will provide you with more details after the holidays.

End of year reports are currently being finalised and you will receive them in due course along with your children's assessment information.

Finally, after much consideration, I have made the decision to retire from the post of Headteacher at Dane Bank. It has been a privilege to lead the school and I am extremely proud of the journey that we have taken – and of my supportive and dedicated team. Above all, it has been a pleasure to serve the local community and our wonderful pupils for the last 11 years. It has been a joy to watch the children grow and develop and leave us confident and equipped for the next stage of their education. The Governors are keen to ensure that the school continues to flourish and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lennon has been appointed as Acting Headteacher for the forthcoming academic year. Mrs Lennon will be supported by the Trust and I am confident that the school will develop further in her capable hands.

From September, I will be supporting the Trust in the role of Safeguarding Auditor and providing casework supervision for frontline staff. I am looking forward to having increased flexibility and time to explore other interests.

I am extremely grateful for the support and encouragement you have all given me over the years and I wish you all well for the future.

Warmest regards,

Alicia Todhunter
Headteacher

