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Dear Parents/Carers,

As mentioned in Friday's newsletter, please find below details of classes for September. We have carefully considered teachers and year groups for next academic year and have where possible moved one member of staff from each year group in to the subsequent year to support with transition and knowledge of the curriculum coverage achieved during our current academic year. We always consider classes very carefully when deciding on their next teacher. We think about many elements when deciding on class teachers and spend a considerable amount of time discussing and reflecting so that the decision is thoughtfully considered.

We have several staffing changes from September and will sadly be saying good bye to some staff. Miss Nicholls is excited to be joining Violet Way Academy which is another school within our Trust. Miss Norris has been providing maternity cover for Conwy class which ends this term. Miss Bird, Miss Morning and Mrs Palmer also ventured on to new pathways at Easter. We send our heartfelt thanks to all of the staff; they will all be sadly missed and we would like to thank them all for their brilliance, kindness, generosity and inspiring work with children and staff alike during their time at Dosthill Primary; we wish them well for the future. Jack Peel has also been appointed as Academy Manager at Aston Villa Football Club; we wish him well in his new role also.

We are privileged to welcome several new members of staff to our school family also. Mrs Jones will be joining year two, Miss Hall will be joining year three and Miss Slater will be joining year five. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Blewitt back from maternity leave.

At the moment, we are hopeful that we will be able to welcome all children back to school in September. We are awaiting further government guidance about this. As soon as we receive the information, we will be organising plans for the wider return of all Primary School children to school including the changes that will need to be made to our Risk Assessment and processes in school. As always the health, safety and happiness of the children and staff will remain at the heart of all of our decisions. The protocols that are currently in place in school may be amended further. We will create and share the protocols, timings and approaches when we have further information. Fortunately, the approaches which we have taken this term have been highly successful and we will be able to adjust and amend these appropriately in line with increased numbers in school.

Excitingly, next year we are changing the way that teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) is being delivered. Members of staff (which will include adults from within school and external experts) will be leading curriculum enrichment opportunities for classes. Children will take part in exciting lessons to enrich children's experiences. These may include activities such as Rocket music (steel pans, key board and ukulele), art, drumming, clay, sewing, drama, PE, outdoor learning. These sessions will take place



on a Wednesday afternoon for Years 1, 3 and 5 and a Thursday afternoon for Years 2, 4 and 6. We will be sharing further information with the children about these exciting and fun activities when we return to school in September. We are very excited to add this additional element to our curriculum.

We really are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school as soon as it is safe for us to do this. I know the children will be just as excited as we are to welcome our Dosthill family back together.

Details of classes for the 2020-2021 Academic year

	Teacher	Class Name	Classroom Areas
Reception	Miss Taylor	Classes to be determined during the Autumn Term	Reception Base
	Mrs Russell/Mrs Brookes		
	Miss Payne		
Year One	Mrs McCabe	Glamis	Current Year One Base opposite the main office and Headteacher office
	Mrs Williams	Edinburgh	
Year Two	Mrs Jones	Tutbury	Current Y4 mobile with ramp
	Miss Lewis	Warwick	Y1 classroom by nursery
	Mrs Walker	Kenilworth	Current Y4 mobile with ramp
Year Three	Miss Bill	Hever	Second mobile (Currently Y3/4)
	Miss Hall	Tower	First mobile (Currently Y3)
	Miss Rock	Windsor	First mobile (Currently Y3)
Year Four	Mrs Murphy/ Mrs Nicholson *	Arundel	Forth Mobile with the steps
	Mrs Smith	Bodiam	Forth Mobile with the steps
	Miss Sutcliffe/Mrs Burke**	Canterbury	Second mobile (currently Y3/4)
<i>* Mrs Nicholson will be working as an additional teacher across the year four classes each morning and Arundel each Friday. **Mrs Blewitt's maternity leave will end in mid- October when she will be joining Canterbury class for one day a week (each Friday) this will release Mrs Burke for her leadership role and other teaching commitments.</i>			
Year Five	Mrs Cartwright	Tintagel	Year Six current classrooms within the Victorian Building
	Miss Slater	Launceston	
	Miss Vallyely	St Michael's	
Year Six	Mr Hathaway	Caernarfon	Year Two current classrooms
	Mrs Morgan *	Powis	
	Mrs Roadway/Mrs Burke Mrs Anson	Conwy	
Mrs Burke will be working as an additional teacher across the year six classes each morning. *Mrs Keay will teach Powis class on a Friday			



Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual transition day and Open Evening this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the limitations this has for us. However, on our school website, you will find a welcome powerpoint for each class so that your child can see pictures of their new teacher and learn all about their interests as well as the fun learning that will be taking place during the Autumn term.

<https://www.dosthill.org/page/?title=Meet+our+Team&pid=13>

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During the final week of term, we will also be exploring further transition learning so that your child's new teacher can learn more about the children in their class. Teachers will also be phoning the children in their new class during the final two weeks of term so that they can say hello and introduce themselves. Once again, please do answer calls which display the school number so that your child has this opportunity to speak to their new teacher. To prepare your child for this, it might be worth talking about some of the things that they would like to share with their new teacher. This may include elements such as hobbies, favourite lessons, hopes and/or worries for next academic year along with any questions they would like to ask their new teacher.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. We care greatly about every child at our school and we promise to always keep the children at the forefront of our thoughts and decision making. With kindest thanks for your continued and much valued support during the current academic year which has thrown many new challenges in our path. Together we have traversed the obstacles with resilience and I am very proud of our Dosthill School family. We are extremely excited about the new academic year as we move in to the next chapter of your child's learning journey at Dosthill Primary Academy.

Warmest regards,

Mrs C Keay
Headteacher