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CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021

Dear Parents,

The Governors and Senior Leadership Team have now finalised our staffing and class arrangements for the next academic year.

I am pleased to say that we are able to maintain very similar staffing levels and our five class model for 2020-21. Future projections in the medium term are obviously uncertain as the country begins its recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the government has announced a significant package of funding for education to help pupils 'catch up' on lost learning time, it is likely that all schools will continue to face financial pressures as this is unlikely to reverse recent real-terms cuts in funding. Maintaining strong pupil numbers will be crucial to the sustainability of our current provision, so if you know of any families moving into the area, or with pre-school children, please help us to promote Chesterton! A number of new arrivals during the course of this academic year, coupled with another healthy intake into Maple Class, have been crucial to maintaining staffing and resources at their current level. As the building work is due to be completed early in the next academic year, moving towards becoming a single-form entry school (i.e. one year group per class) is becoming a realistic proposition.

As part of their regular processes, the Governors will continue to monitor spending and review value for money, both during the year and when setting each annual budget.

Please see overleaf for your child's class from September. Please be aware that, when year groups (Year 2 and 5) are divided, this is decided on date of birth. Class allocation is not negotiable.

As well as maintaining five classes, the Governors are able to maintain a good level of leadership provision for 2020-21. I, as Headteacher will continue to not be class-based for the majority of the week, although I will still enjoy teaching across the school as and when required. I am also pleased to say that Mrs Katy Salter (Mon, Tues, Weds) and Ms Sara Bailey (Weds, Thurs) will continue in their roles as Assistant Headteachers. As part of their remit, Ms Bailey will continue to focus on the SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) role and Mrs Salter will again take the lead on English and the curriculum across the school. Amongst many other responsibilities, they will be teaching in class on a regular basis, both to 'release' the teachers to complete a range of tasks and to cover absence, meaning that our use of external supply teachers will be minimal. All classes will continue to be supported by a team of very capable and experienced Teaching Assistants.

On that note, we would like to welcome Vicki Tuffrey to our team of Teaching Assistants. Mrs Tuffrey has been working part-time in school over recent weeks and joins us full-time as

our sixth Teaching Assistant in September. Sarah Proctor's short-term Teaching Assistant contract has come to an end, as she has recently begun her teacher training course. Although Miss Proctor has only been with us for a relatively short period of time, she has made an invaluable contribution, particularly during our reduced provision where she has worked extensively with our Key Worker group. We wish her all the best.

The Governors, along with Mrs Linfoot (School Business Manager), have worked tirelessly on the budget and associated matters to support the staff and myself in providing a well-maintained and appropriately resourced school, with high quality staff to meet the needs of all our pupils. Their support, and the support of the Chesterton parents this year, has been greatly appreciated as always.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I. Horner (Headteacher)

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Lower School:

Maple Class:	Mrs I. Leonard	Reception
Beech Class:	Miss Z. Phillips	Year 1 / 2
Ash Class:	Miss E. Claridge	Year 2 / 3

Upper School:

Apple Class:	Miss N. Barrett	Year 4 / 5
Oak Class:	Miss S. Crockett	Year 5 / 6

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Your child will be in Beech Class.

PLEASE NOTE:

Autumn Term 1	INSET Day: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September Thursday 3rd September to Thursday 22nd October 2020 INSET Day: Friday 23rd October October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020
Autumn Term 2	INSET Day: Monday 2nd November Tuesday 3rd November to Thursday 17th December 2020 Christmas Holiday: Friday 18th December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021