

24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Staffing for September Classes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year preparations are made for the coming year, including arranging classes to balance the needs of pupils. I understand that this time of year creates certain levels of anticipation amongst parents, pupils and our own staff, which is why the transitional arrangements are so important.

For our Foundation starters, we have a series of 'stay and play' sessions for families to attend, in addition to home visits which have been taking place. Our staff begin to build the important relationships with the children and wider families, which is an essential part of their successful educational journey.

The children currently in school will have multiple opportunities to meet with their new class teachers. Part of the benefit of being a small school is that we feel like a big family, where the staff know children from across the school. Many teachers already know many of the children in other classes, so transitions are more about getting to know each other even better.

Mrs Hayley Copley, our Elephants teacher has been lucky enough to secure a promotion within our IFTL family and is making a move to Glebe Farm in Milton Keynes. Mrs Copley has brought an incredible amount of expertise to our school, which the Foundation team continue to put into practice. Mrs Copley and the team will continue to work on projects as part of links and development groups. We thank Mrs Copley for all her hardwork in developing our wonderful Foundation Stage, which was recognised through our recent Ofsted inspection. Miss Tracy Woolridge will welcome Mrs Newstead, an experienced Early Years practitioner to the team.

The Foundation children had story time with their new class teachers today, who will be in and around over the next couple of weeks. All children will spend more time with their new class teachers on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The children will get to know each other, enjoy some wellbeing and relationship activities throughout the day and familiarise themselves with their new classrooms.

Mrs Bianca Huntford and Mrs Kayoko Yamashita have been fabulous working with our Year 1 cohort since Christmas and will return to their roles in Key Stage 1 in September supporting the teaching team – we are very lucky to have you both. We also thank Miss Sakina Abukar, who has been working in Year 1 on her fixed term period. The positivity in Year 1 has been wonderful to see – and reflected in their phonics progress in particular. Huge thanks to Miss Abukar, Mrs Huntford and Mrs Yamashita. Mrs Simran Zubairi and Mrs Feyza Antac will join Year 1. Mrs Zubairi has children already within our IFTL family and both teachers will bring their experience and energy to our team.

Mrs Lauren Almond, who returned to Ashbrook following her maternity leave, has secured a promotion in school and as of September will be our Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Almond, has wealth of experience, which was demonstrated through much of our last inspection. Mrs Almond will continue to drive forward vision and ethos across school along with Mr Ainscow.

At the end of the day, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the class teachers invite parents to come in for an informal 'meet the teacher' session in the classrooms. This will be directly after the end of the day collection. We invite parents to come into the school where your child's new teacher will be able to talk a little about themselves and get to know you. The session will be around 15 minutes. If parents wish to have longer discussions around particular matters, then we ask that you make alternative arrangements for this. Each child will bring home information about their teacher along with a photograph so that you can begin to talk about this a little more in preparation.

#### Classes for September

**Foundation:** Miss Tracy Woolridge (Leopards) and Mrs Robyn Newstead (Elephants)

**Year 1:** Mrs Simran Zubairi (Zebras) and Mrs Feyza Antac (Giraffes)

**Year 2:** Mrs Momtaz Begum (Tigers) and Miss Jolie Hodgkins (Lions)

Kind regards,



Jamie Ainscow  
Headteacher