

5th July 2023

2023 – 2024 Academic Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you with some developments for next academic year, from September. We are delighted to be maintaining seven classes next year, which means that all our year groups will continue to be single age. This is with continued support from Great Heights Academy Trust.

Staffing Changes

We have two members of our team who are retiring. Mrs Diane Davison, our HLTA who teaches classes across school, is leaving her role but certainly not leaving children behind – she is due to become a grandparent for the first time in September. We are all so excited for her (and to see baby photos!) and thank her for her wonderful two years at Bowling Green Academy. Mr Sid Swire, an experienced HLTA and newly qualified teacher will be joining our school and covering classes across several year groups.

Mrs Jayne McDermott, our School Business Manager, is also retiring. Jayne has worked at our school for an amazing 23 years (counting her time as a Bowling Green parent, she has been in our community 30 years!). Jayne has occupied many roles at school, including volunteer, Teaching Assistant, Office Administrator and, most recently, School Business Manager. Her knowledge of absolutely *everything* Bowling Green and will be missed enormously by all of us in school, as will her kindness and laughter. Jayne is planning to spend her retirement with family – both in England and in their new Portuguese apartment... not that we are envious at all! We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Claire Bury to Bowling Green Academy as our new School Business Manager who, alongside Mrs Tracey Knight, will continue the welcoming and helpful support in our school office.

Secondment

One of the Trust's primary schools in Kirklees, Marsden Junior School, is currently undergoing a difficult time as its Deputy Principal, Mrs Michelle Wood, receives treatment for Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer. As such, Mrs Allison Deighton, our Deputy Principal, will be based at Marsden next academic year in a seconded role. This will be quite a change for us at Bowling Green Academy and it reflects the current strength of our school that we can second a leader to support another school during a time of need, and Allison and I are delighted to be able to offer help during such a difficult time for a community. Allison will remain a key part of 'Team Bowling Green' and will be back for visits during her secondment year, before returning to our school.

Below you will find the proposed list of Class Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Learning Support Assistants from September:

Year Group	Proposed Teacher	Proposed Support Staff
Reception	Mrs Chloe Foster	Mrs Lindsay Goldthorpe Miss Laura Senior
Year 1	Miss Hannah Bianchi	Mrs Debbie Holgate Mrs Katherine Barraclough Miss Malinda Smith
Year 2	Miss Ellie Binns	Mrs Debbie Holgate Mrs Marie Hoyle
Year 3	Mr Callum Morris	Miss Eden Pendleton
Year 4	Mrs Saleha Hollingsworth	Mrs Rosie Pearson Mrs Pauline Firth
Year 5	Mr Tom Andrews	Mr Ben Croft
Year 6	Mrs Jane Mellor	Ms Ruth Eatherley

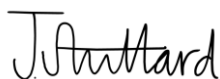
What an exciting list of excellent staff we have! At times, support staff may be working with children in class, in groups and individually, and in other classes not specified above. We also hope to be continuing to develop primary trainee teachers through the Trust's Teamworks designation.

Joining our school, Miss Ellie Binns is currently a teacher at West Vale Academy and she has a real passion for reading (her favourite children's author is Julia Donaldson) and loves all things History. Miss Eden Pendleton, an experienced Teaching Assistant, has already started, and Miss Laura Senior also is currently with us on a long-term voluntary basis.

It is transition day on **Friday 7th July** and our children will be meeting their new class teachers to get to know them. This includes many of our current Year 6 children visiting their secondary settings and us inviting our newest, youngest class into Bowling Green. Teachers have also scheduled thorough handovers to pass on information and details about each individual child.

We still have almost three weeks to go before the summer holidays and our children are maintaining their great worth ethic onto the end of the year as always. I am absolutely sure they will continue to work hard, make us proud and enjoy their new classes come September, too.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Stuttard, Principal