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Mrs Sally Dixey
Head Teacher

Thursday 14th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, Mrs Fisher-Jones leaves the school for a new post tomorrow. She is currently one of the school's Early Years Teaching & Learning Assistants, which is a statutory post for our reception children. We wish her every success in her new job.

Due to school funding cuts, increased costs for the school and the pressures this has brought us, we are not able to appoint a replacement T&L assistant. We are therefore writing to update you on how we will be reallocating our Teaching and Learning Assistant contracted hours across the school from Monday 18th March 2019. This has not been an easy decision for the school to take, but is unavoidable in the current financial climate. We have worked extremely hard over the past few years, whilst other schools have had to make significant staffing cuts, to maintain the staffing level for the benefit of all children. However, this is no longer sustainable in order to plan a balanced budget for the coming financial year (from April 2019). There are still hard decisions to make and we will update you fully in due course.

From Monday 18th March, the allocation of T&L assistants across the school will be:

Robin and Woodpecker classes: Mrs Robinson (full time), Mrs Draper (Monday afternoon and Thursday), Miss King (every morning), EYFS supply – Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

Little Owl and Kingfisher Classes : Mrs Carter (every morning plus PPA cover) and Mrs Dorrington (every morning).

Year 3 and 4 children: Mrs Dickinson (every morning) and Mrs Appleton (every morning + PPA cover).

Year 5 and 6 children: Mrs Hall (every morning) and Mrs Cheetham (every morning).

We are committed as always to doing the very best we can for the children of Etwall Primary School. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Dixey or Mr Ormiston as needed.

Kind regards,

Sally Dixey

Rishi Makwana

Headteacher

Chair of Governors



