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GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Friday, 25 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Class Teachers – Academic Year 2021/2022 Transition Arrangements

We are looking forward for transition arrangements to be face to face this year and are making preparations for your child to meet their new teacher in their current classroom, in addition to spending a morning with them in their new classroom with their new teacher.

New Staff

We have some new staff starting in September, some replacing teachers who are leaving and quite a few getting ready to cover for those who are expecting new babies and will be going on maternity leave either at the end of this term or at the start of next term. We are also making a few changes to where some staff are allocated to utilise their varied skill set as needed!

- Miss Ajazi – Year 3 Class teacher (covering Ms Jose's maternity leave)
- Mrs Ball – Year 5 Class teacher (covering Mrs Arris while on maternity)
- Mrs Masvimbo (covering Mrs Vary's maternity leave)
- Mrs Khan – Year 6 Class teacher
- Miss Dobson – Year 4 class teacher (having passed her induction and now being fully qualified)
- Miss Christie - Year 6 TA
- Mr Flood – Year 5 TA
- Mrs Tarafdar – 1:1 Year 3 support
- Miss Hipperson – Year 5/6 1:1 support

Transition Arrangements

We have made a video to support Year 3 transition, this is in place of our usual face to face opening evening. Please [click here](#) to watch this. While it not as effective as meeting face to face we hope the presentation will give parents a flavour about our culture, ethos and expectations.

Children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will have two transition sessions. One will take place on Thursday 1st July when the children will be visited by their class teacher in their current classroom. Where this is not possible because the teacher is not currently at this school and is unavailable they will have a session with another member of staff where they will produce some information about themselves and Giles Junior School to be sent to their teacher. On the 8th July, when Year 6 pupils will be having their online secondary school transition day year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will visit their new class teacher in their new classroom for a further induction session.



Please see below for the location of each Teacher/Teaching Assistant for each class, with effect from September:

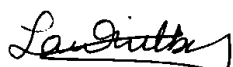
Current class (July 2021)	New Class (September 2021)	Teacher	Learning Support Assistant/s
	Scotland	Miss Robinson	Miss Mellor, Miss Hipperson, Miss Keam
5 Finland	6 Germany	Miss Khan	Mrs Boe, Mrs Smith
5 France	6 Peru	Miss Causton	Miss Keable (soon to be Mrs Oram)
5 Turkey	6 India	Miss Folan	Miss Christie
4 Zambia	5 Turkey	Mr Gray	Mrs Lamacraft
4 Australia	5 France	Mrs Ball	Miss B Sewell
4 Costa Rica	5 Finland	Mr Bailey	Mr Flood
3 Wales	4 Australia	Miss Dobson	Mrs Allaway, Miss Cooper
3 Sweden	4 Costa Rica	Mrs Ford	Miss Kibler, Mrs Carter
3 Italy	4 Zambia	Miss Russell	Mrs Turcescu, Miss Williams, Miss Rega
Y2 Penguins	3 Italy	Mrs Dear (3 days) Mrs Jones (2 days)	Mrs Haywood, Mr Keir
Y2 Pelicans	3 Wales	Miss Ajazi	Miss Winsley
Y2 Puffins	3 Sweden	Mrs Masvimbo	Mrs Harris, Mrs Tarafdar

Mrs Arris and Mrs Vary will support and induct new staff, in addition to supporting additional groups of pupils prior to going on their maternity leave.

Mrs Slade will offer additional support as required in Year 3 and 4.

We are so lucky with the teachers at Giles Junior School in terms of their skill and commitment. I have no doubt that all pupils will enjoy the opportunities which will be presented to them as they continue on their journey in our school. Teachers have already been meeting to talk through transition and to find out about the pupils who will be joining them in September. They are looking forward to meeting their new classes before September face to face.

Yours sincerely,



Miss. L. Whitby
Headteacher