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CE First School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With term almost at an end, I want to thank you for your ongoing support for the Nursery. There have been many challenges in our first year as a combined School and Nursery provision, but I remain optimistic about how the Nursery will continue to flourish into the future. In my last letter, I detailed some of the staff changes that would take place in July and we are obviously sad to be saying goodbye to several staff. At the time of writing we were hoping to have our recruitment for September finished but some unforeseen challenges have altered our course slightly.

That said, we are still very excited to announce two new members to the Nursery team who will join the provision as Nursery leads.



Claire Jay – Nursery Lead

Miss Jay has been working at the school for several years but has previously led nursery provisions before becoming a teaching assistant. She has worked closely with Mrs Walker, our EYFS leader, and will be working as Nursery Lead on Monday and Tuesday in the Nursery and the remainder of the week in School.



Rebecca Peckham - SENDCO

Mrs Peckham has been working for the school for two years and is both a qualified teacher and our SENDCO. She has previously worked within nursery settings and will work Wednesday to Friday.

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Miss Jay has joined the team on a permanent basis and we are really excited to draw on her experience in early years settings but also how she can help to support the Nursery's ongoing integration into the life of the school. Mrs Peckham's appointment will run in the first instance until Christmas and allows us the flexibility we need to effectively recruit another part time position as Miss Bolton's replacement. We will communicate details of future job roles via the school website and MyNewTerm, but if this is a role you would be excited by, or you know just the right person, please do get in contact.

The whole team will be led and guided by Mrs Walker, our EYFS lead and supported by Mrs Healey, Mrs Smith and Miss Sartwech.



Amanda Walker



Nicky Healey



Lucy Smith



Lui Sartwech

Finally, if your child is joining the school, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back in September and supporting your children in their first year of compulsory education. But if your adventure lies in another school, we wish you all the best for the future.

Can I once again take this moment to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Lawford
Headteacher

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