



DOWSON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this year. I can't believe another school year is nearly at a close and another set of our wonderful children will be moving on to show the world what they are made of! I am writing to inform you of some important changes to staffing next year and to let you know the arrangements for transition information evenings.

Firstly, I would like to inform you that Mrs Lawrence will be taking maternity leave from September to have her second child; we congratulate her and wish her well, whilst knowing that school, and the Year 6 team especially, will miss her a lot until she returns. Miss Yates returns from her maternity leave for the final two weeks of this term so that she can meet the new children she will work with next year and we welcome her back into the team. We are also really looking forward to welcoming Mrs Crapper back into the Nursery team in September also – she has been greatly missed by all of her colleagues and children.

In other great news we will welcome Miss Penny Capper officially to Team Dowson; she has done a great job with our Nursery children in Mrs Crapper's absence and we are really glad she's staying with us on a more permanent basis. Miss Heather Meade will also officially join our Teaching Assistant team and be based in Year 1 next year, again, a great addition to school. We will also welcome Miss Amy Towey as a new Class Teacher in Upper School from September and hope she will be very happy here. I know that you and the pupils will join us in providing a warm welcome to our new and returning staff.

Finally, I would like to share some bitter sweet news for our school team (and I am sure yourselves) when I let you know that, at the end of this academic year, Mrs Taylor will be leaving her position as my Vice Principal and Year 1 Teacher at Dowson to take up her first post as the Principal of Moorside Primary Academy in Droylsden. A huge congratulations to her on this successful appointment! I am, of course, incredibly sad to be losing such a talented and dedicated teacher and leader; Mrs Taylor has provided the highest quality education for your children in her classroom and hugely influenced the continued improvements in all areas of Dowson life during her time here. Team Dowson will miss her greatly but we wish her every success for the future as she takes on the role she's more than ready to perform. Luckily, Moorside is another Enquire Learning Trust school so I am fortunate enough to still work alongside Mrs Taylor as a fellow Principal and I know we will work together successfully, supporting and influencing each other's schools and their journeys. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the 5 years' amazing contribution she has made to our pupils' achievement and school improvement during her time here.

Mr Parker also leaves us at the end of the academic year and we thank him for his contribution to Year 3 Hawthorn's education since Miss Spelman left us part way through the year and wish him success in his continued teaching career.

You will be able to meet our new members of staff and wish your farewells and congratulations to those moving on, on our Upper and Lower School Transition Parents' Evenings which will take place on Tuesday 2nd (Lower) and Tuesday 9th July (Upper) at 6pm in the respective buildings. Parents of current Reception, Year 1 and 2 should attend the Lower School meeting; parents of current 3, 4 and 5 should attend the Upper School meeting. At these meetings, you will find out about the routines and curriculum particular to the new year group and be able to ask any questions you have of the team. During the evening, you will also learn which teacher your child's class will be moving to. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

There are some changes to the staffing structure from this year which is outlined at the end of this letter.





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Finally, I'd like to remind you of the dates sent out for your diaries and calendars that are also on our Facebook page and Website. These detail lots of the events in school and further information about each will be sent in due course via the relevant teams and channels.

I look forward to seeing many of you at lots of special events.

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn
 Principal

TEACHING STAFF 2019-2020

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. K. Thornburn

VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs C. Lawrence

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING TEAMS	
	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	APPLE - Mrs. M Crapper PLUM - Miss. P. Capper	Mrs. J Cartwright Mrs. N Houghton Miss. J Sparham Mrs. S Hodkinson
Reception	ALDER – Mrs. A Everitt ASH – Miss. K Cranny	Mrs. L Walkden Mrs. R Lowe Mrs. L Shearing
Year 1	BIRCH – Miss. L Stubbs OAK – Mrs. A Killeen	Mrs. S Brierley Miss. Z Mitchell Miss. H Meade
Year 2	MAPLE – Mrs. D Dewsnap HOLLY – Mrs. L Thomas	Mrs. J Ekin Miss. A Collier
Year 3	HAZEL – Miss. R Danaher HAWTHORN – Miss. N Sankey	Miss. S Yates Miss. C Hoatson
Year 4	POPLAR – Miss. A Towey WILLOW – Miss. K Shaw	Ms. J Layfield Mrs. C Bond
Year 5	BEECH – Mr. L Turner ROWAN – Miss. R Hodgkinson	Mrs. K Minton Mrs. C Feakes
Year 6	PINE – Mrs. J Priest SYCAMORE – Miss. C Maddocks	Mrs. J Hayes Miss. L Samuels

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) COORDINATOR: Mrs. J Garside

SPECIALIST SEN SUPPORT: Mrs. J Taylor-Riley

PASTORAL MANAGER: Mrs. M Bradley

INCLUSION COORDINATOR: Mrs. M Ashley

