

TADDINGTON/PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to update you on the staffing plans for Taddington from September 2023.

Before I provide you with updates on staffing, I wanted to say a big thank you to parents who have remained so supportive of the school. Whilst in many schools, staff maternity leave and teachers seeking progression at other schools is commonplace, in our small school I am conscious that this may seem like a lot of change. Our new teachers have settled into school incredibly well, and they are becoming familiar with our routines. I also wanted to express our appreciation for keeping in contact with us; talking to teachers on the gate, and raising questions so that we can seek solutions swiftly. I also wanted to remind parents that, should you wish to get a message to your child's class teacher when they are not on gate duty, please email both school@ and headofschool@ to ensure that your message is passed on quickly and efficiently.

Staffing and class groupings from September 2023

Year group	Class name	No. of Children	Class teacher AM	Class teacher PM
New Reception	Bears	12	Mrs Halford	Mrs Halford
Year 1 & Year 2	Tigers	16	Miss Harper	Miss Harper
Year 3 & Year 4	Leopards	21	Miss Lingard	Miss Lingard
Year 5 & Year 6	Giraffes	18	Mrs Williams	Mrs Chapman

As you know, each year we carefully consider the needs of the children and adjust our mixed-age classes accordingly. Decisions on class groupings are based on the individual make-up of each class, their pastoral, social, emotional and academic needs. We are feeling extremely positive about the above staffing plans. We are thrilled to be able to offer 2 classes for the Juniors in the afternoons as well as the mornings, ensuring that learning can be even more personalised to the children's needs.

As usual, children and parents can expect a full transition programme and handover so that children have a smooth start in September. Early on in the Autumn term, we will be arranging curriculum information evenings so that you can find out more about year group expectations and meet your child's new class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
Mr J. Handley
Executive Headteacher