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Dear Parents and Carers

Last week we were able to let you know your child's class teacher for next year. We are excited to now share with you our plans for our teaching assistant team.

We are really pleased that, despite reductions in school budgets, we will continue to be able to provide full-time teaching assistant support for each class.

In addition, the children will be benefitting from 3 new provisions aimed to ensure that all our pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs, are able to access a curriculum pathway that is suitable for them. These will be:

- Academic tutors – two of our teaching assistants will deliver learning interventions that will help many children across the school with Speech and Language, Reading, Writing and Maths.
- 'The Nest' – a play-based curriculum for younger pupils who benefit from learning in a quieter space with a nurture approach.
- 'Woodpeckers' – a nurture curriculum for older pupils who may find the busy classroom overwhelming at times and find it helpful to work in a smaller group.

Below you will find a full breakdown of our staffing plan.

Classes	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
<b>Wrens</b> Year R	Mrs Ilona Morgan (4 days) Mrs Fiona Barrs (Fridays)	Miss Shannon Evans Miss Chloe Heckley
<b>Jays</b> Year 1	Mrs Nicki Gooderham (4 days) Mrs Fiona Barrs (Thursdays)	Mrs Kim Ward
<b>Owls</b> Year 2	Mrs Jodie Warren (3 days) Mrs Louisa Ferguson (3 days)	Miss Poppy Coasby
<b>Robins</b> Year 3	Mrs Victoria Bruce (3 days) Mrs Sally Gurney (2 days)	Mrs Kelly Kendall



<b>Classes</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Teaching Assistants</b>
<b>Puffins</b> Year 4	Mrs Ruth Washington	Miss Holly Leggett
<b>Eagles</b> Year 5	Mr Wesley Miller	Miss Rachel Thomas Mrs Sara Collins
<b>Hawks</b> Year 6	Mrs Jodie Sharpe	Ms Sara Pain (3 days) Miss Alice Brooker (2 days)

<b>The Nest</b> Specialist Play-Based Curriculum	<b>Academic Tutors</b> Targeted Learning Interventions	<b>Woodpeckers</b> Specialist Nurture-Based Curriculum
Miss Marli Hall Mrs Emily Mohor Miss Gemma Jones (2 days)	Miss Alice Brooker (2 days) Mrs Fiona Barrs (2 days)	Miss Hannah Brice Mr Tim Perrow

The children are already getting used to seeing their new staff team members, and there will be two transition sessions on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We will also post a transition book for your child on Seesaw next week, which you may find helpful to talk through during the summer holidays.

Do speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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