



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

SEPTEMBER 2024 INFORMATION

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience regarding the changes we announced earlier in the term relating to class structures. As you are aware, changes in our pupil numbers have necessitated the return to some mixed age classes and I am now able to share the class organisation for September 2024 with the school community. I have also outlined some other relevant information below.

Class organisation for September

In September, the classes will be organised as follows:

Early Years Foundation Stage – Miss Carruthers (Nursery lead) and Miss Blenkharn (Reception lead)

Year 1&2 – Miss Rennie

Year 3&4 – Miss Little

Year 5 – Miss McDermott

Year 6 – Mrs Day and Mrs Harvey

The statutory release time (PPA) for teaching staff will be covered across the school by Mrs Winspear, Miss Carruthers and Mrs Graves.

School day start/finish times

As Year 3 and Year 4 will now be in one class, we will need to slightly amend the school day start and finish times for the Year 3 pupils. They will now join the rest of Key Stage 2 for an 8.50am start to the day and will finish at 3.25pm. EYFS – Year 2 will continue to start the day at 8.40am and end at 3.10pm, with doors opening at 8.35am. Key Stage 2 children with younger siblings will be able to arrive at the earlier time and be supervised on the playground until their day begins.

Transition arrangements – Monday 1st July 2024

Over the course of this half term, we will be building in lots of opportunities for the children to engage with their teacher for next year. This will include a whole school 'moving up day' on Monday 1st July 2024 whilst some of our Year 6 pupils are visiting their new secondary schools. On this day, the children will enter through the doors they will use in September and we will make sure staff are on hand to direct them to the right places and help them settle in. The children will then spend the day in their new classrooms and with their new teachers. For any Year 6 pupils not visiting their secondary school on this day, they will be in the hall supervised by familiar staff. After school, we will be opening up the classrooms at 3.30pm and you are welcome to pop in to familiarise yourself with your child's classroom and meet their class teacher for next year.

Welcome to Mrs Graham!

As you already know, Mrs McCullough is sadly retiring at the end of term and will be a huge miss to our school team. We are, however, pleased to announce that Mrs Rachel Graham will be joining the staff as our new School Business Manager in September. She will be popping in over the next few weeks to meet us all and then will be the main point of contact in the school office once the new academic year starts.

Staffing changes

Sadly, I do have a couple of final staffing changes to share with you that will take place at the end of the Summer term. After almost 20 years at the school, Miss Digidan is stepping away from her teaching role to explore exciting new adventures outside of the world of education. I know she is a much-loved member of our school community and will be such a miss for us all, although she had promised to keep in touch and come back to visit a lot!

Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to one of our Senior Teaching Assistants, Ms Hulyer, who joined us temporarily in September and has quickly become a brilliant asset to our team. Again, we hope she will be keeping in touch and wish her lots of luck for her new role in a nursery setting.



I hope this communicates all of the key information in preparation for September. I am aware that there is lots of change happening over the coming weeks so please do make an appointment to speak with myself if you have any queries or would like further detail about any of the above information.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher