



20th June 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Classes for Next Year

Following a complex and careful review of staffing, resources and the needs of the schools, I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have secured excellent teaching and support arrangements for next year's classes.

Reception: Miss Alderson, who currently teaches Reception at St Thomas, will take St James' Reception class next year. She will be supported in class by Miss Turner and Miss Sutcliffe. Mrs West will continue as Early Years Leader across the Federation.

Year 1: Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Laskey will teach Year 1 supported by Mrs Highton.

Year 2: Mrs Fox will teach Year 2 supported by Mr Buckle and Mrs Baran.

Year 3: Miss Potts is moving to St Thomas' for additional experience and so Mr Drake will move up with his current class and teach them in Year 3. He will be supported by Miss Wilde.

Year 4: Miss Adams will continue to teach Year 4 for 3½ days per week with the remaining teaching time delivered by Mrs Giblin. Class support will be provided by Miss Orrell.

Year 5: Mrs Stanworth will continue to teach Year 5 and will be supported by Mrs Tucker.

Year 6: Mrs Warburton takes maternity leave for the whole of next year. Year 6 will be taught by Mr Jenkinson, supported by Mrs Roberts and Miss Marshall. Mr Jenkinson and Mrs Roberts are experienced staff joining us from St Thomas'. Mrs Alderson is moving to St Thomas' to work in Year 6.

Additional Support

Mrs Young, who is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, will provide cover in all St James' classes for teacher planning time as needed from September. Mrs Giblin, our most experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant, will also provide cover in both our schools and will also be available for unplanned short term cover such as staff sickness.

The children will continue to receive sports coaching in PE sessions from our coaches Mr Young and Mr Bentley. Music we will be taught by teachers from the Music Centre.

Leadership

The Federation leadership is changing from September. I will continue to lead the Federation as Executive Headteacher. Mrs Murray is moving on to a new leadership post at another school in September and we will have a new Executive Deputy Headteacher; Mrs Brereton, who will deputize at both our schools. Mrs Laskey will act as Assistant Head at St James' whilst Mrs Warburton is on maternity leave and Mrs West will continue as Assistant Head at St Thomas'. Leadership time will be organised to ensure there is at least one senior leader available in each school at all times. Mrs Brereton, Mrs Laskey and myself will be designated safeguarding leads for St James' School.

I am sure you will join us in wishing those moving on to new challenges all the very best and in warmly welcoming those new to St James' in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A.J. Laskey
Executive Headteacher

