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Dear Parent/Carer

15th June 2026

Re: Staffing in September 2026

I am writing to let you know which teacher will be teaching each Learning Zone in September 2026. Normally this information is shared in July, but I am very conscious that parents/carers are understandably keen to know who will be teaching their child(ren) and we have therefore made these decisions earlier than usual in the hope of providing reassurance and helping everyone prepare for the new academic year.

This last year has been extremely challenging in terms of staff sickness absence and it has been unsettling and stressful for everyone particularly our children. Unfortunately, all of the absences have been unforeseen and long term in nature. As a result, we have needed to use supply teachers at various points throughout the year. While this is common practise in some schools across the country it is something we have rarely had to rely upon, as we are fortunate to usually have a very stable staff team.

This is the first year in all the years I have worked here that we have not had our full staff team from September 2025 right up until last week!

As a Senior Leadership Team and Academy Council, we are acutely aware that Sapphire and Emerald Learning Zones have been particularly affected by staffing changes this year. In planning for September, we have therefore carefully considered our staffing arrangements with a clear focus on providing stability, consistency and the best possible experience for our children.

I am delighted to confirm that Miss Hepple will be returning to full time teaching in September and that we have appointed Miss Wilson as a Class Teacher from September.

Due to the number of children in Key Stage 2, we will be organising our classes slightly differently next year. All Year 3&4 children will be taught together in the Ruby Learning Zone, alongside a single Year 5 class and a single Year 6 class. We believe this structure, together with the staffing arrangements outlined below, will provide strong, consistent teaching and support across the whole school.

The Teachers in each Learning Zone in September will be as follows:

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Learning Zone	Year Group(s)	Teacher
Pearl	2 year old Nursery	Mrs Quiney – overall responsibility Supported by Miss Batson
Opal & Amethyst	Combined EYFS Unit for 3-5 year old Nursery and Reception	Mrs Quiney
Sapphire	Year 1&2	Miss Hepple
Ruby	Year 3&4	Miss Wilson
Emerald	Year 5	Miss Hunter-Purvis
Diamond	Year 6	Mrs Green

All of our support staff including Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants will continue to work flexibly across school provide support based on the needs of the children in each Learning Zone.

Given the above, there is no need to send out Learning Zone allocation letters as in previous years as it is clear from the table above which Learning Zone your child will be in from September.

We know how important continuity and positive relationships are for children and families, and we are confident that these arrangements will provide a strong and stable start to the new academic year.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher