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Dear parent/carers,

We are writing with regards to some unavoidable changes within the staff structure of some classes at Newchurch.

Currently, the staffing structure looks like this:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Sizer	Miss Sullivan
Year 1	Mrs Toone (Mondays and Tuesdays) Miss Igglesden (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Urmston Mr Boon (Nathan)
Year 2	Mr Tattersall	Mrs Worthington
Year 3	Miss Brinksmann	Mrs Dixon
Year 4	Mrs Conreen	Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble
Year 5	Mr Duckett	Miss Ingham Mrs Price
Year 6	Mr Singleton	Mrs Storey

Just before the start of the school year, Mr Tattersall informed us of his wish to follow other dreams outside of the teaching profession and as such we have needed to consider the different options we could take to enable the seamless continuation of the children's learning.

This change in staffing was very much unexpected and as always, the children are at the heart of any decision we make at Newchurch and we felt it necessary to explore all possible options before making a decision on the staffing of Year 2 going forwards. Therefore, after careful consideration by the Senior Leadership Team and the governors, this will be the staffing structure from 26th October 2020 (after half term):



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As you can see Miss Igglesden, who we appointed for the Year 1 job share, will become the Year 2 teacher. Rather than wait until the end of the Autumn term (December) to do this, we have decided to implement some changes from this half term to allow our Year 2 children to have the best possible end of Key Stage One experience. To support transition, Miss Igglesden will become full time until the end of the half term and will spend the time working with Year 2 on a Monday. This will enable her to get to know the children well before taking over as the class teacher after half term.

We were very lucky in our last recruitment cycle for the Year 1 job share as there were a number of exceptional candidates. Following the decision to recruit Miss Igglesden, we asked one candidate in particular (Mrs Karen Jones) if we could keep her details should a post arrive at Newchurch – such as the quality of her interview. After getting in contact with her, Mrs Jones has agreed to become the Year 1 job share alongside Mrs Toone. We are delighted with this and so Mrs Jones will be meeting with Mrs Toone to plan for Year 1 beyond the half term. We are also going to ask Mrs Jones to come into school between now and the end of half term to work with the children in Year One.

Sadly, we are also saying good bye to Madame Cheded, our French teacher, who has decided to retire after being at Newchurch for many years. Madame Cheded is such a skilled languages teacher and her expertise will be missed by us all. She has kindly offered to give us guidance should we need it after her retirement, which clearly demonstrates that 'Once a robin, always a robin.'

We are sure you are with us in wishing Madame Cheded and Mr Tattersall our very best wishes for the future – the children of Newchurch have been all the richer for having had them be part of our family.

As always, many thanks for your continued support and trust in us as we make the decisions for the benefit of your children.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher

Mrs Rachel Burns

Chair of Governors



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