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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

15th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted by how well your children have settled into nursery, despite all the challenges of the new building, and your children's classroom being the furthest away from the gate! I appreciate all of your patience as we have worked through the challenges of ensuring all pupils are safe in school, the gates are all locked at the appropriate times and that you are able to walk your child into school in a calm way.

I appreciate that these arrangements have changed over the last few weeks as fences have moved and staff have got to grips with the best way to help your child come into school. The staff, and myself all feel like the children have got used to the new routines and walking your children down the side of the school building works well.

I have had several questions about the staff in nursery. As things have all been so new and the challenges of working out the access arrangements have proved just a little bit tricky we have had a number of teaching assistants come down to nursery and help staff settle children into the room. I know a few parents have been concerned about who is meeting their child. Please be reassured that all staff have been DBS checked and are approved to work in school.

The two substantive teachers are Mrs Stafford (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) and Mrs McLean (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday) both working with Miss Nelthorpe as the nursery teaching assistant. Currently, Miss Allen (Speech and Language teaching assistant) is also supporting staff and pupils on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each morning, Miss Allan (UKS2 Teaching Assistant) is also greeting children at the doors. We are also fortunate to have an additional placement student (Miss Minto) working in nursery on a Monday and a Wednesday. Currently due to some staff absence, we have another class teacher, Miss Reed working on a (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday).

Once again, it is a real pleasure to see how well your children have all settled in and we thank you for your patience as we strived to get the access to school working safely and consistently.

Best wishes,

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