



# Athersley South Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have pleasure in sharing the new class arrangements with you. Your child has visited their new class today and spent time with their teacher and the adult(s) who will be supporting them from September 2023. From September, you should drop off and collect your child at their new entrance/exit. Alongside this communication, you will receive a letter from your child's new class teacher with information about the adults in their team and a brief curriculum overview.

Below is a list of staffing for September that we thought you would find useful. It includes details of those who will be leaving us or joining Athersley South this summer.

Class	Teacher	Additional Staffing/Information
F1	Mrs L. Hale (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs S. Lees (Thursday & Friday) Mrs Hale and Mrs Lees work alternate Wednesdays.	Mrs K. Bates will be working in EYFS on a Tuesday and Wednesday to provide PPA cover for EYFS teachers
F2	Miss J. Pell, <b>EYFS Leader of Learning</b> Miss S. Reynolds	
Class 1	Mrs M. Wheelwright, <b>Leader of Learning in KS1</b>	Mrs K. Bates will provide cover for Mrs Wheelwright's PPA
Class 2	Mrs E. Roberts (4 days) and Mrs E. Powell (Thursday)	
Class 3	Mr C. Balmforth	
Class 4	Miss L. Milner	Mrs Brayshaw will provide PPA cover for other KS1 and KS2 teachers
Class 5	Miss C. Jewkes (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Mrs R. Gollick (Thursday & Friday) <b>SENDCO</b>	
Class 6	Mrs C. Belfield, <b>Leader of Learning in Y3/4</b>	Mr Gorner will provide sports coaching across school
Class 7	Mrs G. Webb (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Mr J. Wheelwright (Thursday & Friday) <b>Deputy Headteacher</b>	
Class 8	Miss A. Scholes	Mr M. Armitage and Mr J. Roberts from the music service will teach music to Y5/6 on a Monday afternoon
Class 9	Miss J. Stanley, <b>Leader of Learning in Y5/6</b>	

## Staffing Changes

This summer we say goodbye to Miss Baranski who has been with us for two years. After initially working in F1, Miss Baranski has this year been teaching in KS1. She has now been successful in gaining employment in an EYFS class at another school in Barnsley. During her time with us, Miss Baranski has been enthusiastic and committed to our children at ASPS and has been a fabulous member of our team. We hope you will join us in wishing Miss Baranski the very best of luck in her new role.

After reducing his working week to two days this year, Mr Gledhill is now leaving us at the end of the term. Mr Gledhill has worked at ASPS for 11 years, in both KS1 and KS2. During his time at the school, he has worked as part of the leadership team and, as maths lead, was able to drive developments in our teaching of maths for a number of years, leading to many improvements. We are very grateful to Mr Gledhill for his many years of service, for his dedication to the ASPS community and his contribution to the school. It will feel very strange without you Mr Gledhill and we wish you success in your next endeavour.

Mrs Roberts has made the decision to reduce her working week and will be with us for 4 days from September. As such, we welcome Mrs Powell to teach in Class 2 every Thursday. She is an experienced teacher and already works

part time for another school within the ECM Trust and so is familiar with our policies and procedures. We hope you will join us in welcoming Mrs Powell to ASPS.

Joining us in Class 3 is another experienced teacher, Mr Balmforth, who is very much looking forward to becoming a part of our school. We also have two Learning Support Assistants moving to ASPS. Their details will be shared with you in September once all their necessary paperwork is completed and they join our team.

We are also currently working to appoint a new Premises Manager ready for September. Unfortunately, due to his ongoing health issues, Mr Vajai will not be returning to his role. Mr Vajai has worked at ASPS since 2009 and during his 14 years at the school has been a committed and valued member of the team. He has worked hard to maintain the site, keeping us all safe and ensuring everything was working as it should be. We will all miss Mr Vajai very much and hope that he will continue to keep in touch with his ASPS family.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Dixon good luck as she undertakes her first teaching post in September. Miss Dixon has been working as a member of support staff, on a supply basis, since Christmas and quickly established herself within the team. We are delighted that Miss Dixon will be moving to a school within the ECM trust so we hope to continue working with her in the future.

Finally in terms of staff movement, we bid farewell to Mrs Royles on the final day of term. Mrs Royles has been working for two days in our office, on a supply basis, while we recruited to the role. She has been brilliant and we have loved working with her. We wish her well as she now embarks upon retirement.

All teachers in school have an entitlement to planning, preparation and assessment time within the school week. From September 2023, Mrs Brayshaw will continue to provide some of this cover for teachers. She will be joined by Mrs Bates who will work for two days each week in EYFS/Class 1. Both Mrs Brayshaw and Mrs Bates are well established in school and are known by our children.

Ahead of September, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns about your child you should, in the first instance, contact your child's class teacher who has the most thorough knowledge of your child. If your concerns remain, you should make an appointment to speak with the Leader of Learning with responsibility for your child's year group (see above). If you feel that these two members of staff have not been able to assist you sufficiently, you should contact either Mr Wheelwright or Mrs Sanderson.

Please can I also remind you that children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Arrangements for F1 (nursery) and F2 vary slightly to the main school and you should refer to the separate communication that you have been sent in relation to children in F1 and F2.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you. Firstly, to ALL of the fantastic staff at ASPS who continue to work tirelessly to support your children, and each other, to the best of their ability. I am immensely proud of them and all that they do in their commitment to your children and their learning. I would also like to thank you for your continued support which is very much appreciated. While we are all looking forward to a summer break, I also look forward to the next school year and know that together we can continue to achieve great things.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Sanderson