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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to update you on staffing arrangements and class structures for the next academic year. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have our normal 'move up' day, which had been planned for tomorrow, due to the current Covid-19 situation but are confident that the children are familiar with most of the adults in our school and will be able to settle into their new classes when we are able to fully reopen.

Please note that the information in this letter is based upon us being in a position to fully reopen in September, which is not guaranteed at this time.

In July we will be welcoming back Mrs Duckett from her maternity leave. She will be in working in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are also pleased to inform you that Miss Laura Kohlschmidt will be joining our school to work on Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I know she is looking forward to meeting all of you!

We are also sad to inform you that Mrs Lynn is leaving us after sixteen years at Folksworth! She has been a committed and hardworking member of our team who has supported many children over the years in her teaching assistant and HLTA roles. We would like to thank her for the dedication she has shown over the years and wish her the best for her future endeavours!

The new class organisation and structure is set out below.

Class Structure 2020-21		
Acorn Class	Mrs Duckett/ Miss Kohlschmidt	Reception/ Y1
Maple Class	Mrs Sawyer	Y1/2
Oak Class	Mrs Perry	Y3/4
Elm Class	Mrs Wright	Y5/6

From the table you will notice that Year 1 will be split equally across Acorn and Maple classes. This is due to a legal requirement around Key Stage One maximum class sizes which are limited to 30. If your child is in Year 1 next year you will have received confirmation of your child's class along with this letter. These groups will be mixed groupings and not based upon children's ages or academic ability. The children in Acorn will be taught following the Year 1 curriculum and are not being 'held back' in any way. We have put careful planning in place to make sure that this is the case.

We have taken the decision to teach the morning sessions as individual year groups which will mean that the groups will be much smaller than a class (maximum of 16). This means that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will all have their daily phonics groups followed by English and Maths in separate year groups during the mornings. In the afternoons they will return to their classrooms for foundation subjects. There will be an additional adult in Acorn class in the afternoons to allow the Year 1 group to access their curriculum fully. Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Duckett and Miss Kohlschmidt will all be planning and working closely together across the lower phase to ensure consistency.

The table below gives further details about arrangements for the mornings.

Year Group	Teacher	Location
Reception	Mrs Duckett (Monday – Wednesday) Miss Kohlschmidt (Thursday -Friday)	Acorn
Year 1	Miss Kohlschmidt (Tuesday and Wednesday) Ms Norbury (Monday, Thursday and Friday)	Hall
Year 2	Mrs Sawyer	Maple

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Kohlschmidt to our school and wishing Mrs Lynn every success in her next steps.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher