



# Keyworth Primary and Nursery School

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## Class Changes for September 2018

Dear Parents,

Over the coming months there will be several changes to staffing and also the structure of classes at KPNS. Many of these changes have become necessary due to our increasing popularity; we have had many more children join us over the last year than we had predicted. In fact, we have had 28 new children join our school - we are now struggling to find spaces for any new children who want to join us within the current class structure! As such, staff and Governors all agree that it will be beneficial to restructure our classes to create more classes with lower class sizes.

In addition to this growth in pupil numbers, some current staff have decided to move onto new pastures:

- Miss Fisher will be moving back to the north-west of England over the summer holidays. As she contemplates marriage and family life she has decided to return to her familial roots!
- From September 2018 Mrs Gerrard has decided to step back from her teaching and leadership role at KPNS to focus on family life. However, she won't escape that easily as she has already agreed to come back to cover classes on an occasional, supply basis!

The growth in pupil numbers and the departure of Mrs Gerrard and Miss Fisher have led staff and Governors to undertake a complete restructure of the teaching staff. Essentially, Governors have decided to reduce the number of Teaching Assistants in school to allow us to recruit new teachers - these extra teachers mean that your children will be taught in much smaller classes. Sadly, the restructure does mean that 2 more much valued staff members will be moving on. However, staff and Governors feel confident that the changes will ensure the children in our school have an even better experience at KPNS. As such, Mrs Green and Mrs Little, both Teaching Assistants, have elected to take voluntary redundancy as part of our restructure and will be leaving KPNS at the end of July. In the place of Mrs Green and Mrs Little, we have recruited 2 extra teachers.

I know very well how much these long serving, much valued staff will be missed by the whole school community. However, I know you'll all want to join me in wishing them health and happiness as they pursue the various challenges and opportunities that they will encounter as they move on from our school.

CURRENT STRUCTURE 2018	NEW STRUCTURE -September 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F1 and pre-school mixed group approx. 26 children</li> <li>• R/Y1: mixed class 24 children</li> <li>• Y2/Y3: mixed class 35 children (with 2 teachers)</li> <li>• Y3/4/5: mixed class 36 children</li> <li>• Y5/6 mixed class: 30 children</li> </ul> <p><b><u>There are 6 teachers in this structure, 4 teaching assistants and large class sizes</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-school, 'Windmills Childcare', based in old F2 classroom. Approx. 8-12 children</li> <li>• F1 &amp; F2: 26 children in Foundation unit.</li> <li>• Y1/2: mixed class of 24 children</li> <li>• Y3: 25 children</li> <li>• Y4: 17 children</li> <li>• Y5: 17 children</li> <li>• Y6: 24 children</li> </ul> <p><b><u>There are 8 class teachers in this structure, 2 teaching assistants and smaller class sizes</u></b></p>



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The new class structure and the changes detailed above mean that we have been busy recruiting. From September our classes will be taught by the following teachers:

- Preschool will now be based in the old F2 classroom. **Mrs Jones**, who currently works with our youngest children, will be part of the team and we will be recruiting an additional member of staff for the preschool. We are really excited about this new class as we will be able to focus on their needs and stage of development in a newly refurbished teaching area.
- F1 and F2 will now be based in the Foundation unit. With approximately 26 children in the unit, there will be 2 teachers to ensure each group get the support and guidance they need to get off to a fantastic start at KPNS! We are pleased that **Mrs Boon** will be working alongside our newly appointed Foundation lead, **Mrs Oakes**. Mrs Oakes has a huge amount of experience working with children of this age and can't wait to start here at KPNS. Parents of children in F2 will get the chance to meet her in the coming weeks. More information to follow about the new starters' meeting.
- Y1 and Y2 will be taught together as they have been this year. This group already work well together and can access the KS1 curriculum through shared projects. This class will have a good deal of TA support from **Miss Waugh** and we will be welcoming back **Mrs Betts**, who many of you will know from last year. Mrs Betts liked it at KPNS so much that she jumped at the chance to return, working alongside **Mrs Lindley**!
- Y3 will be taught together, not in a mixed-age class like this year. We expect there to be 25 children in this class making it smaller than the current classes we have at KPNS. We have appointed **Miss Hopwood**, an experienced teacher moving into the area from Manchester. Miss Hopwood comes with excellent references and will be a hugely valuable member of the team.
- Y4 will be taught together as a single year group. This will be a small class of less than 20 children meaning the children will get all the individual attention they need to flourish. **Miss Dibley**, a teacher who has spent the last year working at Crossdale, will be joining us at KPNS from September. As we already work so closely with Crossdale, Miss Dibley is well aware of our systems and expectations.
- Y5 will also be taught as a single year. This will be a small class of less than 20 children meaning the children will get all the individual attention they need to flourish. **Miss Rayns**, who many of you know, has been training to be a teacher this year at KPNS, has impressed us so much that we have offered her a position teaching the Year 5 children. As a Newly Qualified Teacher, Miss Rayns will be supported by **Mrs King**. Mrs King will spend much of her time in Y5 but will also support and mentor the other new teachers who are joining the team. Mrs King's role will continue to be heavily classroom based.
- Y6 will be taught in a single age class by **Mrs McCue**, who you all know very well! She has already started transition work with this class so they will be raring to go in September.

You will all be pleased to know that **Miss Peck** will be continuing her role at KPNS, supporting groups of children in KS2 and delivering her fantastic art lessons.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Denty who, as we always expected, will be starting his university course at Sheffield University. We'd like to thank him for his enthusiasm and commitment to delivering sport at KPNS. Also, Mr Montgomery will be ending his temporary contract at KPNS, and we wish him every success for the future.

Finally, I will continue to work alongside Mrs King and **Mrs Holmes**, in the same way as this year, to lead and manage the school.

We do appreciate that there are lots of changes here to digest but we know you will agree that the smaller class sizes and extra teachers will only have a positive impact on our children. However, please contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Peter Cresswell

