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Dear Parents,

Following the Government guidance released on Thursday 2nd July, we are delighted that we will be open to **all pupils from Wednesday 2nd September**. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school, although things will feel a little different to usual, we are thrilled to be reopening to everyone in the new academic year.

There will be a new staffing structure from September, which is as follows:

YR – Mrs Maria Bennett

Y1 – Miss Rebecca Grist

Y2 – Mrs Helen Merritt & Mrs Sarah Grant

Y3 – Mrs Deanne Elsdon

Y4 – Mrs Amanda Lewis-Lownds

Y5 – Mr Cameron Macdonald

Y6 - Mrs Caroline Burchell

Staff changes

Miss Seager is getting married during the summer holidays and as a result, is relocating to Sussex, where she has secured a new teaching position for September. Miss Seager has become a greatly valued member of staff and we are sorry to be losing her. I am sure that you will join with us in wishing her all the best for the future!

Mrs Meredith Craven will also be leaving us at the end of term. Following her maternity leave, her family have decided to relocate back to Cheshire. We will miss Mrs Craven very much and wish her all the best!

As you know, Mrs Linda Morgan retired from the school at Easter. Mrs Morgan has been a long-standing member of staff; she has worked at Preshute for 19 years and has been a cornerstone of the Preshute community. We are hoping that she will come back to visit us often.

We have employed two experienced class teachers, Mrs Deanne Elsdon and Mrs Caroline Burchell, who will be joining us from September. They are both very excited to become part of our team; I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to Preshute.





Mrs Caroline Burchell.



Mrs Deanne Elsdon

Mrs Nicola Stone, who has previously been teaching in Class 4, will work to provide PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) cover and release subject leaders over 2 days per week. She will be leading and teaching French for years 1-6. Mrs Helen Chambers will teach music on rotation.

Mrs Mary Mundy (our Deputy Head and SENCO) will be teaching PE as part of the PPA provision, as well as supporting our recovery curriculum and intervention groups where needed.

Celebration

At this point of the year, we feel that it is important to celebrate all that the children have achieved over the past year and prepare the children for transition into their next classes. The children have all shown great resilience, creativity and curiosity in approaching home learning. We have been so proud of all of the amazing experiences and activities you have facilitated at home; the children have learnt new skills: cooking, painting, making, building, crafting and many others. Children have challenged themselves to ride their bikes, run, scoot and play games! We would like the children to choose two of their favourite activities or achievements for Home Learning, which they can share with their teacher via Class Dojo or Evidence Me. We will display these in school ready for the children's return.

As we have been unable to carry out our traditional transition sessions, we have planned activities as part of Home Learning for the week beginning **13th July**, which will aid transition and offer suggestions of things to discuss with your child. Your child's new class teacher will upload a video to Class Dojo/Evidence Me which will introduce themselves. They will then begin to comment on some of the activities the children are doing over the last few weeks of term, in order to start to get to know each other.

During the week beginning 20th July, we aim to welcome **all year** groups back on site for a short session, to allow children to say farewell to their current teacher and meet their new teacher in person. Details of how this will happen will be sent to each year group over the next week.

Calendar

Attached to this letter is the calendar for the next academic year. We hope to continue with many events that allow parents to be onsite and involved in school life as possible, but please be mindful that these can be dependent on Government Guidelines and may be subject to change.

Sit in your child's seat

During the first couple of weeks, each class teacher will hold a session after school, where the teacher can introduce themselves, the curriculum and the routines of their class. Again, please check the calendar for the dates. Due to social distancing and space we may have to hold several sessions for smaller groups of parents.

Parents Forums and Parent Curriculum workshops

These meetings will continue throughout the year in order to maintain good communication between school and families, and provide opportunities for us to introduce new initiatives.



Class Dojo

Following the success of Class Dojo, we plan to continue to use this as part of children's home learning and also as a way of sharing work with parents.

Summer Holidays

The Government is not asking schools to open over the summer holidays and there is no expectation they will be open for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

We will be closing our premises at term end on Wednesday 22nd of July and will be allowing staff to take time to refresh and make the necessary changes before we open the school gates to the autumn term on Wednesday 2nd September. We will be uploading a 'Welcome Back' message onto Class Dojo, during this week.

Reminder: Tuesday 1st September is a TD day!

Wiltshire Council are gathering details of local providers who will have summer activities available. This will be available shortly and we will be sharing it as soon as we receive it. The booklet will be online and is likely to be updated as more providers finalise plans.

The Government has also confirmed that those families who normally receive free school meals will continue to receive the vouchers throughout the summer holidays. You can find out more detail on the [COVID Summer Food Fund](#) published 25th June. We have arranged for your vouchers to be sent to you in the usual way, if you have been receiving these already.

We are currently finalising plans for opening in September regarding how we are to facilitate entry and exit of children onto site, in accordance with the latest guidance on 2nd July and will send this by the end of this week.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for the welcome I have received and the support you have given me during the beginning of my headship, during these very unusual times. Preshute is a great school with an amazing community behind it. The school has a dedicated team of staff, children and families. It is an honour to be associated with the school.

May I wish you all a happy end to the term and a restful summer.

Yours sincerely

Claire Hann-Perkins
Headteacher

