

# Staffing Update

14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As Mrs Irlam is expecting her first baby, she will begin her maternity leave at the end of the term. Mrs Irlam is a key member of staff in the nursery and will be missed by all during this time, however, we are so excited for her and her family and wish them all well. During Mrs Irlam's maternity leave, her group and many of her additional responsibilities will be covered by Rachel Jackson. Rachel is a highly skilled and experienced teacher who has been a Deputy Headteacher, an Early Years lead and also is a trained designated safeguarding lead. We have arranged for Rachel to start two weeks before the end of term to work closely with Mrs Irlam and the team and also to enable her to get to know the children really well.

From January Mrs Warren, an existing member of staff, will be taking responsibility for the group of children moving from the 2 year old unit. Mrs Warren has regularly covered group sessions in the nursery and is a highly skilled Early Years practitioner. Transition for the 2 year olds has already begun and will continue during the next half term to ensure their transition is a smooth one.

As well as the planned transition times we would like to reassure you that, although the children have a group leader they also spend lots of time with other members of staff and many have built up strong relationships with them as well. We are obviously aware that this transition may be more difficult for some children and will continue to support them during this time.

If you have any concerns during these transition times please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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