

# Westfield Primary Community School



Where children come first

Headteacher : Lamara Taylor

Askham Lane  
Acomb  
YORK  
YO24 3HP  
Tel: 01904 555295

Email: [westfield.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:westfield.primary@york.gov.uk)

Website: [www.westfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.westfieldprimary.co.uk)

Twitter: [@WfieldPrimary](https://twitter.com/WfieldPrimary)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are almost at the end of our school year and whilst the last few months have been somewhat unusual, we must also take time to reflect on all the wonderful things that happened before lockdown, and indeed during lockdown. The media has represented the challenges of lockdown but there have been many positives too. Families spending more time together; children in school flourishing in smaller bubbles; experiencing different ways of learning and learning new skills – you can't beat splashing in muddy puddles and attempting a bit of home baking!

## Thank You

Thank you all for your continued support with your child's home learning. For those families with children who are attending school, thank you for the trust you have put in us to keep your children safe throughout this time. We have loved seeing and hearing about all of the experiences, projects and activities that you have been busy doing. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by families of children both attending school and those learning at home.

## Welcoming All Children Back

We will be delighted to welcome all children back to school full time from September. School is not quite the same without children in the classrooms. For the past few weeks, we have been busy preparing for the wider reopening of school. The DfE guidance was released yesterday and there are very few changes we need to make to the arrangements that we currently have in place. We will send further information about what to expect in September once we have finalised our plans.

The majority of our children will have missed a little over three months of school by the end of this academic year. Our priority in September will be to settle all children and support the transition back into school. We will then work closely with the children and yourselves to catch up on any specific areas of learning.

We are mindful that the greatest impact of the last few months is likely to be on our youngest children who have had the least experience of school. The EYFS curriculum is the foundation of learning, and because of this, provision will be continued into Year 1 for the first term. For our Year 1 children moving into Year 2, Mrs Thomas, our SENCo, will provide additional teaching support for this cohort. After some gentle persuasion, Mrs Gomez is willing to give up her teaching commitment this year to spend more time working across the Year 3 cohort supporting the transition into Key Stage 2.

## Attendance and Pastoral Support

The children currently attending school are happy, settled and safe. We know that children and families may have different feelings about returning to school in September. Please be reassured that as a staff team, we have given careful consideration to any challenges that may arise but remain equally optimistic that we will quickly establish our expectations and routines to ensure the children have a sense of certainty when they

return. If there are any individual circumstances that you would like to discuss with us about your child prior to September, please get in touch and our Children's Champions will make contact.

### Looking Ahead to Next Year

It is always lovely to see the bond the children and their teachers build over the course of the year. We know many of the children were sad they were unable to say 'goodbye' to their class teacher before lockdown. With this in mind, we will make opportunities for the children to spend a little time with their previous year's teachers when we return in September. Although, I do think they will be more excited to see their friends!

The following table explains which classes are moving to each teacher next year.

Best wishes

Current Class 2019 - 2020	New Class 2020 – 2021
EYFS Phase Lead: Miss Cartwright	
We are delighted to welcome 80 new children and their families to Westfield in September.	FVC – Miss Cartwright
	FLT – Mrs Turley
	FJM – Mrs Mellen
	FEI – Miss E Illingworth
Key Stage 1 Phase Lead: Mr Simpson	
RVC – Miss Cartwright	1AN – Mrs Newton
RLT – Mrs Turley	1AB - Miss Brownsword (Mrs White's maternity cover)
RJM – Mrs Mellen	1SS – Miss Sharpe (Mrs Wilson's maternity cover)
1LW – Mrs Wilson	2CH – Mrs Hill and Mrs Craggs
1AN – Mrs Newton	2BH – Miss Holmes
LKS2 Phase Lead: Miss L Illingworth	
2KW – Mrs White	3LJ – Miss Jones
2AS – Mr Simpson	3ES – Miss Swan (Mrs Harry's maternity cover)
2CH – Mrs Hill and Mrs Craggs	3PL – Mr Lowman (Mrs Hirst's maternity cover)
3SH – Mrs Harry	4LI – Miss L Illingworth
3LR – Mrs Robinson	4LR – Mrs Robinson/Miss Watson
3RH – Mrs Hyatt	4LF – Mrs Fannon (Mrs Hill's maternity cover)
UKS2 Phase Leader: Mr Griffiths	
4LF – Mrs Fannon	5RH – Mrs Hyatt/Miss Watson
4LJ – Miss Jones	5CD – Mrs Douglas
4KG – Mrs Gudgeon	5KG – Mrs Gudgeon/Miss Watson
5AB – Miss Brownsword	6AS – Mr Simpson
5LI – Miss Illingworth	6JG – Mr Griffiths
(Year 5 will be split into three smaller classes for next year)	6RM – Mr McEvoy

Lamara Taylor and Claire Gomez

# Westfield Primary Community School



Where children come first

Headteacher : Lamara Taylor

Askham Lane  
Acomb  
YORK  
YO24 3HP  
Tel: 01904 555295

Email: [westfield.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:westfield.primary@york.gov.uk)

Website: [www.westfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.westfieldprimary.co.uk)

Twitter: [@WfieldPrimary](https://twitter.com/WfieldPrimary)