



# Lower Heath

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## Reference: Class Structure 2020-2021

Dear Parents,

Even though we are working in very uncertain times at the moment, we are still planning ahead here in school and making arrangements for the new academic year, which will soon be upon us.

Of course, we are still very unsure of what school will look like in September; it has not yet been confirmed when all children will be able to return to school, and when social distancing measures will be relaxed enough for us to have all children back in school at the same time. However, we have now decided how our classes will be structured next year, when school does eventually return to normal, and which teachers will be teaching each class, so I would like to share this plan with you.

In September, we will also be welcoming our new Assistant Headteacher, Charlotte Williams, to our team. Charlotte is a very experienced leader of Key Stage 1, and so will be a great addition to our staff as she takes up this post which has been vacant (aside from the support we had from Mrs Hill from Oakmeadow Primary) since Mrs Kaminski moved to Tilstock school. Miss Williams will share a class with Miss Spain, and we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Hilditch as a regular member of our teaching team. However, Mrs Hilditch has been working at Lower Heath for several years now in various roles, and I am sure that we will still see Mrs Hilditch regularly in a supply capacity. With these changes in mind, our class structure for the next academic year is as follows:

	<b>Year Group(s)</b>	<b>Class Teacher(s)</b>	<b>TA(s)</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	N1 and N2	Mrs Gallimore-Johnson	
<b>Robin</b>	Reception and Year 1	Mrs Hipkins	Miss Pugh
<b>Skylark</b>	Year 2	Miss Spain and Miss Williams	Mrs Haynes Mrs Langer (1:1 TA)
<b>Kingfisher</b>	Year 3 and Year 4	Miss Cavell	Mrs Moseley Miss Vigon (1:1 TA)
<b>Owl</b>	Year 5 and Year 6	Mr Holt-Williams	Mr Davies Mrs Lazell (1:1 TA)

We have many reasons behind deciding to group the children as we have chosen to. Firstly, our current Reception children have missed a significant amount of their reception year, and many will have Early Learning Goals still to secure. The opportunity to remain in the EYFS environment with Mrs Hipkins will support their transition into Year 1, and they will begin the Year 1 curriculum as soon as they are ready, but still in a familiar environment.

Likewise, our current Year 2 children have not yet completed all of their Key Stage 1 curriculum. They will benefit from another year with Miss Cavell to secure these objectives before they start the Year 3 curriculum, and some of our current Year 3 children will still be securing their Year 3 objectives during the Autumn Term, so Miss Cavell will be well-placed to teach Years 3 and 4 together.



Our current Year 1 group is a large cohort, and they will all need to work on securing their phonics knowledge, due to not completing their phonics programme and Phonics Screener this term. They will have the opportunity to be back together as one class, with just a single year group in that class, to secure those basics from Year 1, as well as starting the Year 2 curriculum.

Mr Holt-Williams is incredibly experienced in teaching Upper Key Stage 2. The current Year 5 children will move up to Year 6 with him and he will ensure that the children are confident with all Year 5 objectives before moving onto the Year 6 programme. Our current Year 4 children will move up to join Mr Holt-Williams' group and he is very aware of the Year 4 programme, and which skills he may need to re-visit before this group can embark on Year 5 work.

**Whilst we are very much looking forward to having all of our children back in school, it goes without saying that this can only happen when the government announce that it is safe to do so. Therefore, we may not be in a position to have all of the children back in school in September, in the groups outlined above.** However, we will implement the above structure as soon as we are able to in the new school year, and from September, even if we have to have a phased return in place, we will try to keep each year group with their allocated teacher from the start of the Autumn Term.

As always, we will keep you updated about our phased return over the coming weeks, as more information becomes available.

If you require any further information, or would like to discuss the above arrangements, please contact the school office and I would be happy to do so.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher