



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is that time of the year when we look towards the new academic year, and I send you my final staffing update as Headteacher!

As you are aware, September 2025 brings with it a new chapter as Mrs Preece takes on the Acting Head of School role at Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School. We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that there is a really robust staffing model in place in order to support the leadership changes. I am, therefore, delighted to announce that we have appointed two Assistant Headteachers to work alongside Mrs Preece as the Senior Leadership Team, with both successful candidates appointed internally following a very strong field of applications.

Congratulations to Ms. Kate Wilson and Mr Joe Bull, who will be taking up their new positions in September. I know that the combined experience and strengths of these individuals will result in an exceptionally strong team, and I'm really excited to see the planning that is currently in progress come to fruition. Mrs Perrin has made the decision to step down from her Leadership and SENDCo role, in order to spend more time with her family and in the classroom. I'm delighted that Mrs Perrin will still be very much a part of our teaching team, and will be on hand to support Ms. Wilson, who will be taking up the SENDCo position. Mrs Perrin will also continue to contribute to the extended leadership of the school through her Early Years and Phonics roles, as will Mrs O'Callaghan-James, who I'm delighted to let you know will be carrying out a Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Lead role for the Trust.

Mrs Preece and I are now able to confirm the staffing arrangements for the next academic year; things can sometimes change before the start of a new year, but the intended staffing for September is as follows:

Reception	Mrs Perrin, supported by Miss Payne and Miss Ellis
Year 1	Miss Smith (3 days) and Ms. Wilson (2 days), supported by Mrs Thomson and Mrs Richards
Year 2	Mr Bull, supported by Mrs Caldicutt
Year 3	Miss Donald, supported by Miss Massey and Mrs Morgan
Year 4	Mrs Gemmell, supported by Miss Massey and Miss Brain
Year 5	Miss Wood, supported by Miss Evans
Year 6	Mrs O'Callaghan-James, supported by Mrs Walker

You will notice that Miss Wood, who is currently teaching in Year 3, will be joining us as a permanent member of the teaching team in September. She has been a fantastic addition to the school, and I'm delighted to be able to formally welcome her to the team! Sadly, you will also see that Mrs Skliar is not on the staffing for the next academic year, as she leaves us towards the end of the year (7<sup>th</sup> July). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Skliar for all that she has contributed to Kingstone during her time with us this year – she will be missed and we wish her every success for the future.

There is much work taking place already to ensure that class teachers are prepared for their new cohorts. We are in the fortunate position that all the members of staff for September are part of the current team, which will allow for lots of opportunity for the staff to get to know the children they will be working with next year, more closely. Mrs Preece will be in touch over the coming weeks with further details around transition and September, including the upcoming transition day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like to discuss anything further. There is much to look forward to in the next academic year, and I can't wait to see the school continue to flourish.

With many thanks for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,



Elissa Vigus  
Headteacher