

25 March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I wrote to you to outline our teaching and leadership arrangements to support our students in Reception – Year 6. Today, I write with some further updates that we would like to make you aware of. I appreciate that not all of this information is relevant for every King's Oak family, however I would like to share it with all of you so that you all feel informed about some of the on-going teaching and leadership changes at King's Oak.

### Head of Lower School – Jo Thorn

As you might be aware, currently, Jo Thorn is not with us in school following some changes in her personal/family circumstances. This means that sadly, Jo will not be returning to King's Oak before the end of Term 4. However, to ensure that we are able to say thank you and farewell to Jo in person before she and her family enter a period of shielding, Jo will be joining us in school on Friday 1 April. During this time, we will hold our usual celebration assemblies so that our children will have the opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Jo.

### Head of Lower School – Recruitment

On Tuesday, we held the recruitment process to appoint a new Head of Lower School. Several students and staff were involved in the interviews, and I must say that our students were exceptional interviewers and the candidates all said how impressed they were by the questions that they asked, their understanding of what they would expect from their new Head of Lower School and the excellent use of their oracy and communication skills that they showed. Well done to everyone who was involved!

We were able to appoint a passionate and experienced leader who has worked both in the Cabot Learning Federation and within South Gloucestershire Primary schools and we look forward to sharing more information about them, their leadership experiences and start date very soon.

### Head of Early Years

Sadly, Rachel Waldron is also not able to return to King's Oak in her normal teaching role therefore we have accelerated our teaching transition plans to reduce teaching inconsistency and supply for our Reception children.

From Monday 28 March, the following arrangements will be in place:

	Reception	Year 2
Class Teachers	Charlotte Whiteford	Kelly Smith (HLTA): Monday / Tuesday Sophie Joss: Wednesday – Friday
	Michael Diggle	Fergus Allen
Teaching Partners	Kelly Dodge Paul Harvey	Danielle Churches Stephanie Balmond

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The upcoming Reception Parents' Evening will be an opportunity for Blossom class parents to meet Charlotte whilst the Year 2 Parents Evening which will be led by Sophie and Fergus. More information about these events will be shared soon.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, I invite you to join us in forthcoming Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings (08:50-10:00am, dates below), or alternatively please email [koa.principal@clf.uk](mailto:koa.principal@clf.uk) or call us on 0117 927 127.

Lower School Coffee Morning: Thursday 7 April 2022 (Lower School Site)
Middle School Coffee Morning: Thursday 28 April & Thursday 12th May 2022 (Middle School Library)
Upper School Coffee Morning: Thursday 19 May (Upper School Meeting Room)

Kind regards



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