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Dear Parents,

Following the government's guidance for September which came out at the end of last week I am beginning to work with staff and governors to put a plan into place for us to fully open as safely as possible in September.

Added to this you may be aware that many schools have been struggling with the budgets that have been set for them. Castlethorpe is no different and because of this, we are having to make some difficult additional decisions to ensure that we can balance the budget in the future. So, I'm writing to tell you about some of the staffing changes that will be happening in September.

Firstly Lindsay Winther is leaving us. Lindsay has been with us for many, many years. She has been a parent, a governor, a TA and in recent years has supported Marian in the office. We are very sorry to see her go but we all wish her well for the future.

Marian has decided that it is time for her to semi retire. From September Marian will be working just two days a week as our business manager. This will leave a huge gap to fill but I'm very grateful that Marian has chosen to stay with us for part of the week and we have now appointed Lianne Flach as our new office administrator.

Mrs Flach's TA role will not be replaced but Mrs Crompton's, Mrs Bird's and Mrs Almeda's hours have been utilised to ensure there will be a TA working with Rabbits and a TA working with KS1 (owls and foxes).

I don't know, at the moment, how school will look in September. We will all be back, still working in bubbles, but larger bubbles and I will let you know the detail when all the necessary decisions about the safeguards have been taken.

At the moment my plan is for Mrs Pearson and Mrs Crompton to be with the new rabbit's bubble with the 15 children starting in September. Mrs Miles and I will be teaching the owls and foxes bubble as before (25 children). My aim is for owls and foxes to continue to be taught separately for Literacy including phonics and to be taught together for the other subjects.

We are expecting some additional money from the government to use to put in extra support for children to help them 'catchup' with the core subjects. Again I don't yet know what that will be or what 'guidance' we will be given for its use.

Yours

Julie Baldwin



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