



Occold Primary School

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Dear families,

I wanted to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of Occold Primary School from September 2024 and inform you of some things that will be happening moving forward in the new school year.

I am delighted to be taking on this new role and working with both Occold School and St Peter and St Paul School in Eye. Those of you who have had children at Occold School for several years will know me from my previous role as Head of School at Occold, before I moved to Eye in January 2022. I also taught at Occold for many years as reception, year 1 and year 2 teacher. I am very much looking forward to working across the two schools and for Occold and Eye primary schools to be working more closely together.

As you will know, in a small school, class structures often change to suit the school's needs. We have thought very carefully about how we best structure the classes for the coming school year based on the number of children in each year group and their needs. We have also thought carefully about the level of support needed in each class and where to best position teaching assistants to support children with their learning.

From September the class structures will be as follows:

Reception, year 1 and year 2 – Rabbit class taught by Mrs Lianne Walsh

Year 3 and year 4 – Otter class taught by Mrs Karen Squirrel and Mrs Katrina Weatherley

Year 5 and year 6 - Fox class taught by Miss Katie Thornton and Miss Emily Rowe (Wednesdays)

Next Wednesday, 26th June, is our 'move up' day where the children will spend time in their new classes for September. I will be at Occold School on Wednesday morning to meet the children. If any parents would like to meet with me on that day, please contact Mrs Jackson in the school office and she can arrange a time for this to happen.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Parslow- Williams for his time and support during this transition for the school. I am sure that the children will be sad that he is leaving, but they will still see him from time to time as he continues his role as Director of Education within the All Saints Schools Trust.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months and once again working with the wonderful children and staff at Occold Primary School.

Best wishes,

Gemma Watts,
Executive Headteacher

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