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Staffing for September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am pleased to share with you our class structure for September 2025. We are excited to welcome several new members to the Denton team. On **Friday 11th July** all the children will meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classroom.

Please see below for information about our latest additions to the team:

Miss Cross is joining us as a class teacher from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, where she has been working for the past four years. She brings with her a wealth of experience, including her work as a SEND tutor.

Miss Dyball is a dance graduate who currently teaches children of all ages. She will be joining us as a teaching assistant in Reception and is incredibly excited to meet all our new arrivals in September.

Mrs Hogan will be joining our EYFS team to support our SEND children in Reception. She is already a familiar face at Denton, being a parent of two children at the school and a regular volunteer throughout the year.

Miss Smith has previously supported our Nursery through an agency and will continue in this role as a teaching assistant in Turtles class while we complete recruitment, following a late resignation. Miss Smith has extensive experience of working in a primary school supporting all age groups.

Mrs Stokes will be a familiar face to many, having covered Miss Ford's maternity leave earlier this year. With over 30 years of experience in education, we were delighted when she accepted a permanent post. We're thrilled to officially welcome her to the Denton team.

Mrs Wells will be joining our team in the Cove, supporting our facility children. She brings extensive experience working with young people and has a clear passion for supporting children with SEND.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and are confident that our new team members will make a fantastic contribution to our school community.

Headteacher	Mr Matt Doody
Deputy Headteacher & DSL	Miss Lara Blotz
SENCO (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	Mrs Lucy Hancock
Assistant Headteacher(s)	Mrs Julie Turner & Mrs Rachel Reffell
Nursery (Rainbowfish)	Miss Catherine Frankel & Mrs Helen Harman Mrs Jackie Ashdown Mrs Julie Buckingham Mrs Heidi Lawrence
Reception (Angelfish)	Mrs Rachel Reffell (EYFS Leader) Mrs Sonia Nowicki Miss Charlie Dyball Mrs Kim Hogan
Year 1 (Dolphins)	Miss Kathryn Cross Miss Jenni Gumble Mrs Angela Holder
Year 2 (Seahorses)	Miss Chloe Buckingham Miss Issy Duchosoy Miss Olivia Thornton
Year 3 (Penguins)	Mrs Sarah Stokes Mr Mike Bray Miss Olivia Davis Mrs Emma Woodcock
Year 4 (Turtles)	Mr Rian Mercer Miss Kate Smith
Year 5 (Starfish)	Mrs Clare Tsapparelli Mrs Amanda Riggs
Year 6 (Whales)	Mrs Julie Turner & Mrs Rebecca Stevens Mrs Debbie Bashford Mrs Kate Duschosoy
Facility (The Cove)	Miss Lara Blotz Mrs Ruth Taylor Mrs Sam McLaughlan Mrs Nicole Wells
PPA Cover Teacher	Miss Jo Ford (Monday & Friday)
Maths Tutor	Mr Andrew Jeffrey (Monday)
Pastoral Leader / HLTA additional teacher	Mrs Tania Buss
School Secretary School Business Manager Caretaker	Mrs Helen Vidler Mrs Amanda Townsend Mr Dan Newland

You may notice that some members of staff are not included in the list for September. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to several valued members of our team at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Adams has worked as a Teaching Assistant since September 2018. She has been pivotal in setting up our nurture provision at Denton and has provided incredible support to our class teachers. Mrs Adams will be joining the East Sussex Academy as a member of the support staff team at a new primary school in Hailsham.

Miss Breach joined our Teaching Assistant team in March this year and has made a real difference to the children in Year 2. She has successfully gained a place at the University of Brighton to begin her teacher training. We know she will make a fantastic teacher and wish her all the best.

Mrs Hopper joined Denton in February 2023 and has supported our children in the Cove. She has built wonderful relationships with both children and families and will be greatly missed. Mrs Hopper will also be joining the East Sussex Academy as a member of the support staff team at a new primary school in Hailsham.

Mr Kettle has been at Denton for 12 years. During this time, he has held a wide variety of roles including Deputy Headteacher, Maths Leader, Class Teacher, and Music Leader. In December 2024, he supported our choir in performing at the Brighton Centre as part of the One Voice Festival. Mr Kettle's impact across the school has been remarkable, and he will be sorely missed. He will be joining the East Sussex Academy as a class teacher at a new primary school in Hailsham.

Miss Steffansdottir is leaving Denton after joining us in December 2018 and supporting across the school as a Teaching Assistant. Over the years, she has been a key adult for many children, and her nurturing approach has helped them flourish. She is now planning to pursue new career opportunities, and we wish her all the very best. Gangi þér vel, Miss S!

Mrs Walsh joined Denton in September 2023 as our Year 1 class teacher. She has built strong relationships with many families and has also led History across the school. We wish her every success in her new role at the East Sussex Academy as a class teacher at a new primary school in Hailsham.

I'm sure you will all join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks for the dedication and hard work of all the staff who are leaving us. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

An Update on Mrs Harman

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Harman, who works in our Nursery, underwent a medical procedure over the Easter holidays and has not been in school since. She continues to rest and recover at home, and we have been checking in with her throughout the summer term. Mrs Harman is hoping to return to school in September. However, I also need to inform you that Mrs Harman has made the decision to leave Denton at the October half-term, so Term 1 will be her final term with us. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for her continued recovery.

Best wishes
Matt Doody
Headteacher