



Woolacombe School – Staffing Announcement and Classes September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have the pleasure of informing you of our exciting new staffing structure for the 2021-2022 academic year. The new structure is based on teaching teams within the three phases of our school – Reception and KS1, lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Each phase will function as a 'mini school'. Every class will have its own teacher with each of the 'mini schools' being led by a designated School Improvement Leader.

The School Improvement Leads, or SILs, will continue to teach across the classes within their mini schools, as well as driving forward our Curriculum 360.

This is an exciting change to our structure, which will increase the number of qualified teachers and provide greater distributed leadership across the school. Having more teachers than classes within the mini school will allow for a more flexible approach to teaching, ensuring that we meet the needs of all the children.

The staffing and class structure for September will be as follows:

Nursery Teacher and Early Years Leader – Mrs Verity Lewin

Reception and KS1 School Improvement Leader – Mrs Dee Seddon

Reception - Mrs Allie Barnett, Mrs Rachel Harding and Ms Clare Russell

Year 1 – Mrs Tessa James

Year 2 – Miss Hannah Strong

Supported by learning support assistants in each class - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Lower Key Stage Two School Improvement Leader - Mr Ben Hookes

Year 3 – Miss Rebecca McCormick

Year 4 – Miss Natalie Gibson and Mrs Kate Madden

Upper Key Stage Two School Improvement Leader – Mr Ossian Pleasance

Year 5 – Mrs Naomi Overney and Ms Clare Russell

Year 6 - Mrs Sam Simpson



Key Dates:

Non-Pupil Day

Friday 16th July

Whole School Transition day/move up day

Monday 19th July

Sports Day

Tuesday 20th July

Year 6 end of Term leavers performance

22nd July

Last Day of Term

Friday 23rd July

The flexibility of this staffing structure means we will be able to continue to provide subject specialist teaching and interventions across each phase.

There will also be a specialist SEND learning support assistant, who will work flexibly across the school to meet the needs of children with SEND.

Miss Annie Challacombe will continue to be our SENDCo but will be based at Combe Martin School teaching in Year 4. Miss Challacombe will work across both schools as SENDCo.

Miss Rebekah Hester will be on a sabbatical for a year, returning next September after her travels around the world!

The children will be meeting their new teachers on a transition day on Monday 19th July.

We strongly believe that this new staffing structure, supported by Character Education and our Enrichment Programme, will enable us to focus on every child as an individual. We are ambitious that every child should take ownership of their own learning, character and wellbeing and be at the front and centre of our decision-making in school.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Gail Holmes - Executive Headteacher - Woolacombe School

Tern Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 6th September

Term begins

Tuesday 7th September

Non-Pupil Day

22nd October

October Half Term

25th 29th October

**Start of 2nd Half of Autumn
Tern**

1st November

Last Day of Autumn Tern

17th December 2021