



**Park Grove**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to give you further details about my maternity cover and also to tell you about staffing for the next academic year, 2018 – 2019.

My maternity leave begins straight after the half term break and I will be away until January 2019. The three Assistant Heads, Mrs Hearson, Mrs Steel and Mrs Martin will be leading the school in my absence. They will work together to do this through a team approach. However, there must always be a 'named Headteacher' and therefore they will take it in turns to be the Acting Head for half a term each. Summer 2 will have Mrs Hearson as the Headteacher followed by Mrs Steel in Autumn 1 and Mrs Martin in Autumn 2.

In addition, Mrs Gail Brown, the Senior Executive Headteacher for Ebor will also be based at Park Grove for 1 day per week for my whole maternity leave. Please feel free to contact any of the Assistant Heads with queries / concerns at any point during my leave, regardless of who is the Acting Headteacher at the time.

Our staffing has already been organised for September 2018 and I am attaching a table with this letter which sets out where the Teachers and Teaching Assistants will work.

You will notice that Miss Clayton is not on the list for September. Miss Clayton will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She will be missed by all of the staff and most certainly the children. Miss Clayton is a fantastic team player and always goes above and beyond in her role as class teacher and joint English leader. However, Miss Clayton wants to continue her career in an area that she is extremely passionate about, which is working with children with special educational needs. She will be moving to Hobmoor Oaks where she can focus on this aspect of education and I'm sure you will agree that the children there will be extremely lucky to have her.

It is not yet time to say goodbye to Miss Clayton but as I won't be here when she leaves, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish her every success in her new role. It has been a pleasure to work with Miss Clayton and I will look forward to watching her career develop over the next few years.

We will be welcoming Mr Ben Rogers to Park Grove from September 2018. I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr Rogers as part of the Ebor recruitment process and I was very impressed with both his teaching and his response to questions. He is extremely dedicated and full of energy which will add to our already vibrant staff team. Mr Rogers has been working at Hobmoor primary school as a Year Six teacher and is looking forward to a new challenge at Park Grove.



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There is some movement within the school for September with teachers moving classes. All moves are at the teachers' request as it is beneficial for teachers to work with different year groups for their own career development.

The Senior Leadership Team are currently working on splitting the children into classes for next year but this process takes weeks of careful planning so I am not able to give you the details just yet. The Assistant Heads will announce the classes in the next half term. Please note that, as always, many factors will be taken into account to balance the classes, including a mix of ability, year group, a mix of boys and girls, behaviour and friendship groups. It takes time and a lot of consultation with all of the Park Grove staff before we can finalise arrangements.

Thank you once again for your support over the last few weeks. I have been overwhelmed by the lovely comments and interest parents have shown during my pregnancy. Not a day has gone by without a parent asking me how I am feeling or how things are going. I cannot express how grateful I am for the kindness and support I have received. I will miss Park Grove very much while I'm away, although I'm sure I will have plenty to keep me busy!

Best wishes,

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**PARK GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CLASS TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

**2018 – 2019**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>TEACHING ASSISTANT/S</b>
Class 1	Miss Georgina Glaholm	Mrs Jackie Thomas
Class 2	Miss Megan Orr	Mrs Lyndsey Peacock Mrs Sue Stone
Class 3	Mr Will Gardiner	Mrs Christine Shelton Mrs Catherine Fitzgerald
Class 4	Miss Aimee Thomas	Ms Laura Savoia Mrs Sue Stone
Class 5	Miss Lynn Bilton	Ms Geri Durkin
Class 6	Mr Ben Rogers	Mrs Helen Old
Class 7	Miss Amy Land	Mrs Helen Sellers
Class 8	Mr Giles Mastrelli	Mr Steve Symonds
Class 9	Miss Charlotte Platts	Miss Louise Grainger
<p>*Please note that Teaching Assistants who work with a specific child will move classes with the child.</p> <p>*Mrs Deb Carr-Brion will teach between classes (Tues).</p>		
Leadership	Miss Jo Sawyer – Headteacher Mrs Vicky Hearson – Assistant Headteacher (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs Natalie Martin – Assistant Headteacher (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Helen Steel – Assistant Headteacher (Tues, Wed, Thurs) * In the Headteacher’s absence, one Assistant Head will always be full time.	
Pupil Support Team	Mrs Liz Martindale (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Miss Natalie Slater (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Frid) Miss Effy Ford – (All week)	