



**Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School**  
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**Executive Principal: Mrs Carly Luce**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are in Term 6 of this most remarkable year. We are continuing to make the most of every moment on site – with a renewed appreciation of what it means to have all children learning on site together, even with the restrictions we are still working with.

It is that time where we start to look towards the new academic year and we have plans in place to make sure we end this term well and start the next year just as strong. Part of that process is making sure that we communicate our plans with families and therefore I am writing to share some information about September.

Mrs dos Santos has taken the decision to step down from her role as Head of School from September and will be resuming a role as full-time class teacher. She has asked me to share that it is a decision that she has made very carefully and that she feels is the right decision at this current time for herself, her two boys and the school. I have the utmost respect for the decision that Mrs dos Santos has made and she has my full support in making this transition – luckily for us it is a transition that keeps her within our school. Mrs dos Santos has a wealth of knowledge about Lydiard that we will continue to make excellent use of and we wish her all the very best in making this internal move. I am working closely with leaders in the Trust and the Academy Council to make sure that we have a plan in place ready for September. You will receive more information about this later in the term.

There are a number of other changes happening regarding staffing that I would like to share with you. Mr George will be taking up a new position in September as Assistant Head of Schools for the Vine Schools (within the Academy Trust). It is always sad to see staff leaving but it is a key part of our role to develop teachers and support them on the journey they choose and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr George on this fantastic achievement and wishing him well.

We are also going to be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Crawford who is retiring at the end of this academic year. We will all miss Mrs Crawford very much but feel she deserves a very happy retirement and we send her our very best wishes (and we will be in touch – a lot!).

There will also be some changes to the Lydiard office team. As part of an organisational restructure within DBAT, both Mrs Hobson and Mrs Brudenell will be leaving their roles at the end of the term. Mrs Brudenell will be moving to an alternative role, working within the Trust. Again, we are pleased to be able to support our staff in taking opportunities within and beyond our schools. As the role of School Business Manager is being discontinued, Mrs Hobson has decided to look for other



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opportunities. We send both Mrs Brudenell and Mrs Hobson our very best wishes for the future. We are in the process of recruiting an Admin Officer for September.

I am very pleased to be able to share the teacher structure for next year – please see the chart below. We welcome Miss Harriet Gauger to the team - Miss Gauger will be covering Mrs Sharp's maternity leave next year. Children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher before the end of term as we will be able to find a way to do that safely under the current guidance.

We are also recruiting for two Teaching Assistants and we will share the TA structure for September later in the term.

EYFS	Mrs Sharon Baker (Mon, Tues, Weds) and Mrs Lisa Trinder (Thurs, Fri)
Year 1	Miss Harriet Gauger (Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs) & Mrs Hannah Hyde (Fri)
Year 2	Mrs G Jones*
Year 3	Miss Leah Thomas
Year 4	Mrs Jeanne dos Santos
Year 5	Mr Andrew Large
Year 6	Miss Sadie Herbert

\*We are currently recruiting for Mrs Jones' job-share partner.

The Academy Council and I will update you once we have completed our recruitment processes and made the necessary appointments.

This term will continue to be a busy one with the team working very hard to ensure we end Term 6 well and that we are in a strong position to begin a fresh academic year. With the recent news that the removal of national restrictions has been delayed, we will continue to risk assess each end-of-year activity and ensure it meets the guidance at the time. As so far we have planned hopefully but continued with caution, we should be in a good position to be able to deliver our planned events. As required by the national guidance for schools, our current protective measures need to remain in place until further notice, which we now know is very likely to be until the end of the academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Luce

Executive Principal