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Dear parents and carers,

How the Summer Term is moving on! It is very disappointing not to be writing this with the voices of 340 children ringing in my ears – but we are where we are. The 90 or so that we do have are a joy and we eagerly await the return of more. At the time of writing this, I can only echo the Government's words, "Over the coming weeks the Department for Education will publish further information and guidance to help schools prepare for a full return in September." It is not a great deal to go on but at least Whitehall are *discussing* a full return. To this may I add that I sincerely regret that you are not all back with us and cannot stress enough other how much we miss you all and wish wholeheartedly that we could have everyone back. You are sorely missed; parents and children.

I commenced my Wycliffe journey almost 2 years ago with 308 children on roll, so to say we close this year on 340 and hope to open in September with around 350 children is an absolute joy; how we have grown. Why? I firmly believe we, yourselves included, are a dedicated group of collaborators all working to get the very best out of our children, families and staff and this positive message is spreading. We have developed a nurturing culture where all members can flourish and achieve to the best of their abilities, via not just academia but through music, sports, the arts and we celebrate personal interests and individuality. Our vision and values are at the heart of all we do and never a day goes by when we don't share a laugh or a smile. The resilience and positivity that each and every one of our Wycliffe family has demonstrated through recent months will stand us in good stead for the implementation of a curriculum that develops, enhances and progresses mental health and well-being as and when we return to school in what may be a 'new normal' manner, whilst also ensuring we plug gaps in learning that may or may not arise.

Teachers for next year – please see the highlighted section of the table.

HT	Mrs Baxter
DHT + SENDCO	Mrs Wills
Interim SENDCO (PT)	Mrs Webster
Reception/Oak	Miss Jukes
Reception/Maple	Mrs Sawyer
Y1/Cedar	Miss Dyson
Y1/2 /Hazel	Miss Bailey
Y2/Chestnut	Miss Rawling
Y3/Larch	Miss Barlow/ Mr. Hannam (NTW)
Y3/Sycamore	Miss Furniss
Y4/Willow	Mr Cotson
Y4/Pine	Miss Parkinson
Y5/Spruce	Mr Owen
Y5/Ash	Mrs Hill
Y6/Yew	Miss Jones
Y6/Rowan	Miss Meares

PPA: Miss Harrison (Kanga), SLT and Miss Williams

From this, you will see the split year group that we formed in Y4 and Y5 due to financial constraints last year has been removed, leaving us sufficient numbers to be full 2 form entry in all year groups bar Y1 and Y2. In these years, classes are split by age only. No ability rankings are in place whatsoever.

We would, in normal times, invite you into school at this stage to celebrate our successes through one of our open mornings and offer you the chance to peek at your child's new classrooms and perhaps even meet new teachers. The circumstances we find ourselves do not allow for this this year. I am hoping that by the end of term (July 17th) all your children will have had a call from their NEW teacher to say hello and ask any questions. We have only one new Wycliffe teacher this year (NTW) so we hope that most names and faces are not entirely new to your children. Mr. Hannam will be making a short video for everyone in the next two weeks so at least you will know a little bit about him before school commences in September.

Miss Rawling and Mrs Sawyer are both welcomed back from maternity leave, which means we say a very sad farewell to Miss Naz who supported us by teaching in their absence. She has had a fantastic NQT year with us and we wish her every success. We also say a sad farewell to Miss Rubins - having been here just over 4 years, she will be missed by all and we wish her all the best in her career development. Mrs S Holden (NTW) takes on her support and cover supervisor role and Miss S Malik has also extended her hours and joined the cover supervisor team.

Reports will go out by post on **July 10th** and as we cannot have face to face meetings around any matters arising – the report will have a means of responding, asking any questions or simply thanking the staff.

To close, may I personally take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous support I have received during my second, very strange, year as Headteacher at Wycliffe C of E. Regardless of what we have all had to endure, I could not wish for a better place to work with staff and families alike. Your children are a credit to yourselves and I feel privileged to be a part of your school. Here's to many more years ahead. Perhaps in a new normal, but happy days regardless, because we will make them so.

Warmest wishes,

D Baxter
Headteacher