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Dear Parents,

Whilst we are in the midst of planning arrangements for the last couple of weeks of term, we are also mindful that it won't be long until we return in September! On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, in the morning, we will be having our traditional Move Up Morning when the children spend the time together in their new class groups and with their new teacher if they are moving classrooms. We will continue with our four-class structure, the details of which are below.

Class Name	Pupils	Class Teacher	Class TAs
Derwent	EYFS/Summer born Year 1s (children born in months May to July)	Mrs Laverack	Mrs Cuthbertson
			Mrs Gwatkin
			Miss Barber
Foss	Year 1 (children born September to	Miss Oscroft	Mrs McAfee
	April) / Year 2		Mrs Gwatkin
Ouse	Year 3 / Year 4	Miss Boyle & Mrs Huntriss	Mrs Jackson
Rye	Year 5 / Year 6	Mr Walker & Mrs Huntriss	Mrs Camps
			Mrs Syms

If you would like further clarification about your child's class, please do contact me via the admin email address and I will be in contact. Please rest assured that this is the same structure for EYFS and Key Stage 1 that we have run for the last few years and staff and children are used to this scenario now and it works well. PPA cover (teacher's planning, preparation and assessment time) and leadership time will be covered by either Mrs Huntriss, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Cummings or Mrs McAfee.

You will note that Mrs Huntriss is an additional class teacher across Key Stage 2 for next year. We will be teaching the Key Stage 2 classes in three groups for the core subjects of Maths and English in the morning sessions. This will ensure your children are in smaller class sizes and with a mix of teachers, as the teachers will rotate which groups they teach over the course of the year. We are currently making the After School Club room into more of a teaching space and as such, we have purchased new tables and chairs, and have a new electronic screen being installed over the Summer holidays. Again, any questions about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me over the next couple of weeks. I am really excited that we are able to increase our teaching capacity and as explained in previous communication, Mrs Huntriss will be teaching on a full-time basis.

As it stands at the moment, I will be continuing to offer leadership support at Weaverthorpe Primary School into the next academic year. This remains a temporary arrangement with my substantive school being Langton. Mrs Bowman is providing additional leadership at Weaverthorpe School too and will be based at Weaverthorpe in her capacity as Assistant Headteacher there on Mondays and Tuesdays. From September therefore, I will be able to base myself more in Langton than I have done this year whilst retaining executive leadership over both schools. As

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ever, I am working extremely closely with our Governing Board, who are supporting our decision making and I am particularly grateful this year to Sam Conroy for her crucial role as School Business Manager at Langton.

As mentioned in my email earlier, timings for the school day will remain the same as they are currently. We have found that our staggered start times and play times have helped, particularly in regard to keeping everyone safe. I await guidelines around COVID regulations for September but as it stands at the moment, I am hopeful that we will be able to mix the bubbles at some times during the school day so the older children can once again mix with the younger ones. For those families with children in both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1, who therefore have two different drop off times, if bubbles are permitted to mix in September, younger siblings can arrive at the same time as older ones, eliminating the need for parents to have to wait. The member of staff on duty on the playground will provide supervision. Please note that this arrangement can only be for families with siblings in both key stages.

As well as saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s, we will certainly be very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tetlow. Miss Zara Barber has been appointed as a new TA in our team. We are looking forward to working with her but Mrs Tetlow has been an absolute pleasure to have on our school staff. She has always worked hard, maintained our School Library, gone over and above and always had the children at the heart of everything she has done. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We are now all aware that many restrictions lift on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. I feel it is important that we do not change any school routines or plans for the sake of one week. We will therefore run the last week of term as planned and with the events scheduled as per the information in the Newsletter. The Leavers Event for Year 6 parents only, will be held in the School Hall at 9.00am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. This should last about an hour. We intend to make the last week of term a special one for our Year 6s. The last day of term will be a Non-Uniform Day. Please use this day as an opportunity to send in any good quality school uniform that you no longer need. Our term ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Staff have a training day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and we look forward to welcoming all children back, especially our fifteen new EYFS pupils, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I am sure I will see most over you over the next two weeks but if not, I wish you all a very happy Summer and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray Headteacher