



# Eastbrook Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to take the opportunity to update families on some key aspects that we are working on here at Eastbrook Primary Academy.

## Staffing and Leadership Structure

As we communicated to families prior to the half term break, Mrs Naylor (our substantive Deputy Headteacher) is now on maternity leave. I am pleased to say she welcomed the arrival of a healthy baby boy a couple of weeks ago! As a community, we are thrilled to share the news. We will continue to stay in close communication with Mrs. Naylor keeping her updated on all Eastbrook news!

In terms of what's next, and how as a school we will adapt to her absence, Mr Owen will continue in his role as Acting Deputy headteacher for the remainder of the year. As many parents will also know, he is also our school SEND co-ordinator. To ensure that he can fulfil the role effectively, we have further reduced his teaching commitments.

In addition to this, I am pleased to say that we have internally appointed an additional Phase Leader for Y3 /4 (Mr. Watkin) to give us a strong leadership team right across the school. See below for clarity on the roles and responsibilities.

**Early Years (Reception), Year 1, Year 2 Phase Leader:** Miss Bradley

**Y3 and Y4 Phase Leader:** Mr. Watkin

**Y5 and Y6 Phase Leader:** Mrs. Witham

The aim of their role is to best support the classes (in their respective phases) with the children's learning, behaviour and well-being.

## Communication

Linking to the above, if and where parents wish to clarify information or find out more information linking to a particular incident or event, this should be raised - in the first instance - with the class teacher. If and where additional support may be needed, or anything is unresolved, the Phase Leader will be on hand to support where needed. We are so proud of our working partnerships we have with our families and want to ensure information is shared swiftly by those that know the children the best as much as possible. Senior leaders would be on hand to support if and where required.



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### **Lunchtime**

As some of you may have seen, we have launched our new lunchtime changes last week! The playground is divided up into different zones with structured activities (football, netball, tennis, skipping and craft!) on offer. The children have responded brilliantly. The biggest thanks to the Friends of Eastbrook (and all that contributed) for their donation towards equipment. Thanks, must also go to Miss. Bradley and Mrs. Groves for their drive to get the change off the ground.

### **Social Media: Facebook Page - Eastbrook Primary Academy**

The school's Facebook and Instagram page is now up and running. The Social Media Team are doing an amazing job of sharing great content. So, do follow the school and let other parents within the community know!

We look forward to welcoming lots of you over the coming weeks to our Eastbrook festive performances.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr. Clark