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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Staffing Update**

At this time of year we would usually be in a position to inform parents and children of classes for August however due to the unprecedented situation we are currently in this is not possible at present as we await further updates and guidance from The Scottish Government and Midlothian Council on what a return to school in August will be like.

Throughout June, schools will be getting prepared for August to ensure that all staff and pupils return safely following the appropriate guidance given.

Headteachers are meeting 'virtually' with senior officers and Directors from the council late next week to discuss in more detail how schools / classes can be organised for August and information will be shared as soon as it is available. It is pointless to surmise what classes or school will be like until we get more national and local guidance.

The Principles of Nurture and Resilience will be fundamental to supporting children's return to school and the Educational Psychology team in Midlothian have been working on providing training and resources for staff to use.

As with any year in school, we are saying 'Goodbye' to some staff and welcoming some new staff members as well.

### **Staff Leaving**

**Mrs Burns:-** Mrs Burns will be retiring at the end of this term and we wish her all the very best and thank her for her hard work at Hawthornden Primary as a class teacher. I'd especially like to mention how much Mrs Burns has done since lockdown supporting children in the Hub school and delivering lunches and computers to many Hawthornden families as well as 'checking in' with the children through phone calls.

It hasn't been the end to her career that was expected but we still want Mrs Burns to know that we will miss her but hope she will be able to visit in the future when it is safe to do so.

**Miss Maley:-** Miss Maley is leaving Hawthornden at the end of this term and will be working in another Midlothian school from August. I'd like to thank Miss Maley for her work with P6 this year and wish her all the best for the future.

### **Maternity Leave**

**Mrs Riches** will be going on Maternity leave in August. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing the good news when the baby arrives.

**Mrs Wawrzyniak** who works as a Learning Assistant in our Provision is also going on maternity leave in August and again we wish her all the best.

**Miss Duffy** – will be continuing her maternity leave from August onwards after welcoming baby Orlagh in March.

**New / Returning staff**

**Miss McGuinness:-** Congratulations to Miss McGuinness who will be remaining at Hawthornden Primary school.

**Mr McCutcheon:-** Congratulations to Mr McCutcheon who will also be remaining at Hawthornden Primary for the next academic year.

**Mrs Birrell** and **Mrs Scott** are both hoping to return to school in August.

**Miss Kerry Dolan** who was on a secondment to Cuiken Primary for a year has successfully obtained a post going forward at Cuiken so won't be returning to Hawthornden.

I will give you details of our Newly Qualified Teacher when I know who that is going to be and we will have another part-time teacher joining us to cover Mrs Riches' maternity leave – details of who this is will be sent out when I have that information.

As ever if you have any questions, please get in touch so we can help.

Please contact me on my email [c.elsey@mgfl.net](mailto:c.elsey@mgfl.net)

Best wishes,

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