



Denmead Junior School

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Dear parents and carers in year 2, 3, 4 and 5,

DJS Class Structure from September 2020

As you know we run mixed-age classes throughout the whole school at DJS, and every year we move the children around to help develop social skills and broaden friendship groups. For 2020-21, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe the new year 6 cohort will benefit from additional resources to help them be successful in senior school. They will have the least amount of time to catch up with any lost learning and to gain the standards that they need, so with agreement from the Governors, we have decided recruit an extra teacher to support the year 6 children next year and to split them from the year 5 children.

The upper school will therefore be organised into 3 classes of year 6 and 3 classes of year 5 and we are delighted to have recruited Miss Meg Ayres into our upper school teaching team to enable this to happen. (This does have a negative impact on our current school budget, and the Governors will be monitoring this very carefully.) All 6 classes will continue to operate as our upper school phase, following the same two year rolling programme for the curriculum and attending any trips (should they be going ahead next year) together as normal.

I am pleased to be announce the DJS teaching teams for September 2020 as follows:

The Lower School team, led by Mr Stapleton, Assistant Head, (also teaching) will be: Mrs Kristen Baker and Miss Cath Luxton (job share); Miss Amanda Brady; Miss Louise Gill; Mr Jack Goodens; Miss Lauren Shute.

The Upper School team, led by Mrs Jo Marks, Assistant Head, (also teaching) will be: Miss Meg Ayres; Mr Jack Earl; Mrs Joy Painting; Mr Duncan Proctor; Mr Carl Restall.

Miss Zoe Halford will teach across both phases and will cover Mr Stapleton's and Mrs Mark's leadership time. Mrs Nat Pettit is returning from maternity leave and will be covering PPA time.

Please look for details of your child's transition sessions (including specific times and drop off/pick up arrangements) early next week and confirmation of their class and teacher next Thursday 9th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

