



ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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'It Really Does Matter'

5th July 2023

Teaching staff for the next academic year 2023-24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow is our school transition day where all children get to meet their new teacher(s) for September. This is an exciting time although we appreciate that it can be a slightly worrying occasion for both children and adults alike. However, we will always do everything we can to help the children settle in to their new class smoothly.

This afternoon, the children have been told their teacher(s) for next year. It is important that you are positive with them as change can be a daunting prospect, especially if your child has formed a strong relationship with their current teacher.

As we look forward to the future, we are sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to a number of teachers at the end of the term:

Miss Kerri Parkinson also began her teaching career with us and has been at the school for 3 years. She is starting a new adventure on the other side of the world in Australia!

Miss Amy Biddlecombe is also starting a new chapter of her life and moving to sunnier climes. She is taking up a new teaching job in Abu Dhabi from September.

I am sure that both of them will have a great experience and they will be sorely missed.

Ms Rachel Darby will be leaving us at the end of term to teach in another local school. Ms Darby started her teaching career with us 4 years ago and we wish her well.

Mrs Abby Attfield is (temporarily) leaving us to start her maternity leave from this Friday. We wish her all the best, cannot wait to see her new arrival and will see her when she returns next academic year.

New Teachers

We have a number of new teachers joining us:

Miss Megan Fletcher – Miss Fletcher was previously a LSA at this school and has been primarily based in Year 6 this year with 6AP. However, since Mrs Lavelle started her maternity leave, she has been teaching in 5ML. I am delighted to say she will be following this class up into Year 6 and the class will now become 6MF.

Miss Maggie Johnson – Miss Johnson will be joining us in Year 3. Many of our Year 2 children (and some of you as parents) may know her as she is currently working in Year 2 at Hazel Wood Infant School.

Miss Elouise Hamilton – Miss Hamilton will be joining us in Year 4 from September. Many of you will see her around the school over the next couple of weeks as she will be teaching 5AA when Mrs Attfield begins her maternity leave.

Mr Ben Anscombe – Mr Anscombe is a welcome addition to our Year 5 teaching team. He is currently working at a much smaller school in Romsey and is excited to be joining our large team at Abbotswood.

Last but not least, Miss Laura Parkhurst will also be joining the Abbotswood teaching team. She will be teaching across the whole school. Some of your children may already know her as she spent a lot of time with Mrs Attfield's class at the beginning of the year.

All of our new teachers will be in school for transition day and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them into the wonderful Abbotswood community. I can guarantee that they will be as nervous as your children tomorrow!

Teaching Staff for September 2023

Year Group	Teacher	Class Name
Year 3	Mr Ed Humphries (Year 3 Leader)	3EH
	Miss Lucia DiMaiolo	3LD
	Miss Shannon Bennett	3SB
	Miss Maggie Johnson	3MJ
	Mr Jacob Sheath	3JS
Year 4	Mr Luke McCoy (Year 4 Leader)	4LM
	Mr Ben Perry	4BP
	Miss Holly Wilson	4HW
	Miss Elouise Hamilton	4EH
	Mr Paul Cox	4PC
Year 5	Miss Michelle Dunning (Year 5 Leader)	5MD
	Ms Cat Gonzalez	5GE
	Mrs Debbie Everett	
	Miss Molly Lowe	5ML
	Mr Sam Swift	5SS
	Mr Ben Anscombe	5BA
	Mr Matt McConnell	5MM
Year 6	Mrs Amelia McCoy (Year 6 Leader)	6AM
	Mr Sam Williams	6SW
	Mrs Jemma Hatfield	6JH
	Mr James Shotter	6JS
	Miss Megan Fletcher	6MF
Additional Teachers	Mrs Alison Smith	Cookery & Cover Teacher
	Mrs Katie Shimman	Cover Teacher
	Mrs Jo Munsie	Cover Teacher
	Mrs Gemma Waters	Cover Teacher
	Ms Laura Parkhurst	Cover Teacher
	Mrs Kathryn Button	Music Teacher
	Miss Charlotte Anning	Art Teacher
	Mr Mark Morgan	Sports Coach and PE Leader
	Mr Mitch Parker	Sports Coach
Mr Chris Flood	Sports Coach	

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Moore
Headteacher