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## **STAFFING UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 2022**

I am emailing today to inform everyone about some staffing changes that will be happening in the new school year. Unusually for Banwell, we have a number of teachers who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term and I am now in a position to be able to share this information with you.

After 28 years at Banwell, Miss Clare Gibbs will be leaving to begin a new chapter in her life. Clare has dedicated so much of her teaching career to us here and is well known by so many families in the Banwell School community. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new ventures.

Mrs Jo Browett is reluctantly having to leave us in the summer due to personal circumstances. She is very much wanting to return to teaching in the future and is hoping this could even be a return to Banwell. We hope so too!

After 7 years at Banwell, where she started her teaching career, Miss Kaylee Rose is leaving to start up her own business. Whilst Kaylee has made it clear she loves her job teaching here at Banwell she has always been keen to pursue a career working specifically with children who have special educational needs. We wish her well in starting her own business and look forward to hearing how she is getting on.

Mr Henry Lowe and Mrs Jo Gamble Beresford's fixed term contracts will also be coming to an end in the summer and we wish them both well as they move on to their posts.

In addition, one of our Teaching Assistants will be taking on a new challenge from September so will be leaving us in July. Mrs Katy Swire will be starting a teaching training course in September so will be very busy! I know she will make the most fantastic teacher and wish her the best of luck with her chosen career.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of these people for their hard work and dedication to Banwell. We will miss them all!

Whilst it is always sad to be saying goodbye to our colleagues we are excited to be welcoming new teachers to the team in September. We have spent a lot of time going through robust recruitment procedures in term 5 and are delighted to tell you that we have now secured high quality teachers who will join us in September.

Mrs Julia Bevan will be our mixed YR and Y1 teacher and will also be the lower school phase leader. She comes to us as an experienced teacher and early years leader from another local school and we feel very



lucky to have secured her appointment with us. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise with her and I know she is really keen to develop our provision in reception, year 1 and year 2.

Miss Sarah Dockerty will become the mixed Y1 and Y2 teacher. Sarah wowed us at interview and comes from a school over the border in Somerset. She too is looking forward to working alongside Julia to enhance and develop our provision in the lower school.

Miss Thea Dennett will be joining the key stage 2 team as our Y3 teacher. Thea is an Early Career Teacher (ECT) who has just finished her training and can't wait to get stuck into her first teaching post. She is really excited to be joining Banwell and I know she will bring lots of enthusiasm and ideas to the team.

Miss Rosie Nieters is an experienced practitioner who will take up the position of our Y4 teacher from September. Rosie currently works in Bristol and is looking forward to bringing her skills and expertise to our team.

I am delighted that Mr Nicolaides will be staying with us at Banwell for the next year and teaching Y5 for 3 days a week. Mr Davis will continue to teach Y5 for the remaining 2 days. Mrs Nicholson will stay as the Y6 teacher.

For ease of reference I have put the teachers for next year's classes in a table below:

YEAR GROUP/S	CLASS TEACHER
Reception & Year 1	Mrs Julia Bevan
Year 1 and Year 2	Miss Sarah Dockerty
Year 3	Miss Thea Dennett
Year 4	Miss Rosie Nieters
Year 5	Mr Jason Nicolaides (3 days) & Mr Paul Davis (2 days)
Year 6	Mrs Sam Nicholson

All of the new teachers will be spending some time with us at Banwell this term, getting to know their new classes. I will update children and parents once these dates have been confirmed.

We will be giving each class a new name for September and will be asking the children to help us to decide the theme and names! We will now begin to look at the split for the children who will be in Year 1 in September and notify those parents in due course. Support staff deployment for the new school year is also now being considered.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information in this letter but it is important that we share the changes early in the term so that we can prepare the children for the new term ahead. I know that as a community these new members of staff will be made to feel welcome very quickly.

Best wishes,  
Claire

