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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I have had confirmation on some of the information regarding the end of term and the forthcoming school year, so wanted to share it with you as soon as I had received it.

I will outline three items in this one letter so as to alleviate sending out more than one document.

### Building Works to the School Roof

Two years ago, we put in a request to KCC to repair the roof of the school. This has just been granted and we are delighted to have been told the building work will start immediately, in order for the work to be completed by September 2022.

Therefore, in order to start the work on Monday 4th July, scaffolding will be put up on Saturday 2nd July. There will be clear barriers and notices to show parents/carers which areas can and cannot be accessed. There is to be NO parking in the car park over this time for staff, due to vans, equipment and deliveries, as well as having to move the minibus, so please be aware that parking near to the school may be more difficult on drop off and pick up over the last 3 weeks of Term 6.

The builders will section off the area where the minibus is currently parked, and parents/carers will be directed to cross the playground to collect children from Maple and Chestnut/Sycamore - much like we did during Lockdown. There will be clear signs for you to follow, as well as signs to assist with health and safety from the company completing the work around the school, so please look out for these to support with keeping everyone safe.

### School Dog

Since lockdown, we have had a couple of parents/carers speak to us about the possibility of Kingswood obtaining a school dog. We have also surveyed Pupil Voice over the last few months, due to a number of children putting it in the suggestion box. 97% / 95% / 96% / 97% respectively said they would really like one. After a lot of research, guidance, information and careful consideration, we would like to trial a school dog at Kingswood.

The benefits of having a school dog - with the aim of them completing their Therapy Training - are such as supporting children to develop confidence in reading, supporting those children with ASC and high level learning needs, mental health and wellbeing, as well as learning about being responsible to look after an animal.

In order for the small dog to start her Therapy Training, she needs to come into school in the last three weeks of this term to start getting used to the school and surroundings. She will therefore have her first day on Monday 4th July. Whilst she will be on site, at no point will she be off of her lead or out of my arms. She will not be in class or have any interactions with pupils over this time.

Once she has completed her Therapy Training, she will then be available for interventions, whether that's being read to or being taken for a walk. This is a process, so will happen over time and you will be kept up-to-date with her progress with this.

Parents/carers are able to 'opt out' their child/ren for any interactions with the dog in the new academic year and a form will be sent out to do this in September.

If your child/ren is a little anxious about this, then please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to meet her personally with your child in my office. We can arrange a time to do this over the next week. We also have the opportunity to have an experienced Child Support Dog Trainer on site to work with any children who wish to build up their confidence with dogs over the last weeks of this academic year. Please contact the office if this is something you would like me to arrange.

So, with the above, I would like to introduce Hattie!

A red, short-haired miniature dachshund, who has joined the Sanchez Daviu household in the hope that she can offer Kingswood - and in the future, hopefully ASPIRE - a school dog to support children's learning and emotional wellbeing. The decision over the last 18 months has been one we have had to give a lot of thought and consideration to, with visits to other schools with school dogs, lots of research and weighing up the benefits to Kingswood/ASPIRE children before taking on the responsibility. We really do hope Hattie can bring many positive things to Kingswood children.



I will be telling the children on Thursday 30th June and introducing Hattie via photographs, but if you would like to tell your child/ren beforehand, then please take this opportunity to do so.

### September Class Structure

Lastly for this week, we are so very pleased to announce that, due to pupil numbers having risen over the last two years and saving money, we will be having a 5 class structure as of September 2022.

Our class structure for September will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Oak Y6	Mrs Phillips	5 day intervention TA - tbc
Cedar Y4/Y5	Mrs Golding	Mrs Hopkins (Mon-Wed), Mrs Miller and Mrs Nicholls
Birch Y3/Y4	Miss Punyer	Miss Spain
Maple Y1/Y2	Mrs Sanders	Mrs McNama (Mon-Wed), Mrs Hopkins (Thur/Fri)
Chestnut /Sycamore Y1/YR	Mrs Colgate (Mon-Thur) & Mrs Garland (Fri)	Miss Randall (Mon-Wed), Mrs Gamble (Thur & Fri)

As you can see, this will mean that we have the opportunity to have a stand-alone Year 6 class, as well as classes of no more than 30 pupils for Years 3, 4 & 5. We have created a new class, named Cedar, for the Year 4/5 mixed class. We have been able to achieve this by splitting Year 4. This split has been decided due to numbers in each year group for September, as well as still having room to accommodate any new starters taking up our remaining places. We have also looked carefully at wellbeing and friendship groups, as well as learning styles and have not just split the year according to academic ability.

Those parents/carers of children who will be in Year 1 Sycamore and Year 4 Birch will be notified personally before transition afternoon on Wednesday 6th July.

Children will get the opportunity to meet new teachers on Wednesday 6th July when we will have our transition afternoon.

With the close of any academic year, this brings with it changes in staff, where we welcome new teachers to Kingswood and unfortunately say 'goodbye' to those who are venturing onto next chapters.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff for everything they have done over their time at Kingswood:

Mrs Fowler unfortunately has not fully recovered from COVID to be well enough to continue her teaching career and so will be taking a rest from teaching for the foreseeable future. We thank her for all the work and effort she has put into the last year and a half at Kingswood. We wish her well with her recovery.

Mrs McLaurin, who will be staying with ASPIRE, but after 6 years at Kingswood will be going to support at Leeds & Broomfield. We are so pleased she will be staying in the Federation as her skill set is a wonderful asset to any child she supports. Thank you Mrs McLaurin for all you have done.

Mrs Meredith is retiring at the end of this academic year. We have been lucky enough to have Mrs Meredith's expertise and experience as our EYFS/KS1 cover over a number of years and cannot thank her enough for all she has done to support Kingswood's children.

Mrs Serrecchia, who thankfully is not leaving Kingswood entirely, will be continuing to work as our Finance Officer for one day a week but will no longer have a 'front-of-house' presence. After 15 years at Kingswood, we will definitely miss her being here 4 days a week and I know our parents and carers will also miss her support and help. Thank you for everything you have done Mrs Serrecchia and we are excited for your next chapter!

And Mrs Hart, after teaching at Kingswood for 14 years, will be retiring at the end of this academic year as a teacher. We are pleased that we will still get the chance to see Mrs Hart as she will be taking on PPA cover for ASPIRE and be on site on a Tuesday for EYFS/KS1. We know that Mrs Hart will have a wonderful start to her retirement and we cannot thank her enough for her dedication to the children of Kingswood over the years and all she has done. She will be missed by staff and pupils on a daily basis, but we will look forward to seeing her on a Tuesday. Thank you Mrs Hart!

I will be sending out more information over the next few weeks regarding the end of this academic year and September.

However, if you have any questions regarding any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Sanchez Daviu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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