

# Wellesley Park Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Class Structure for 2024-25 and Transition Arrangements

I am delighted to be able to share with you the new teaching structure for September; so together, we can prepare our children for the changes ahead.

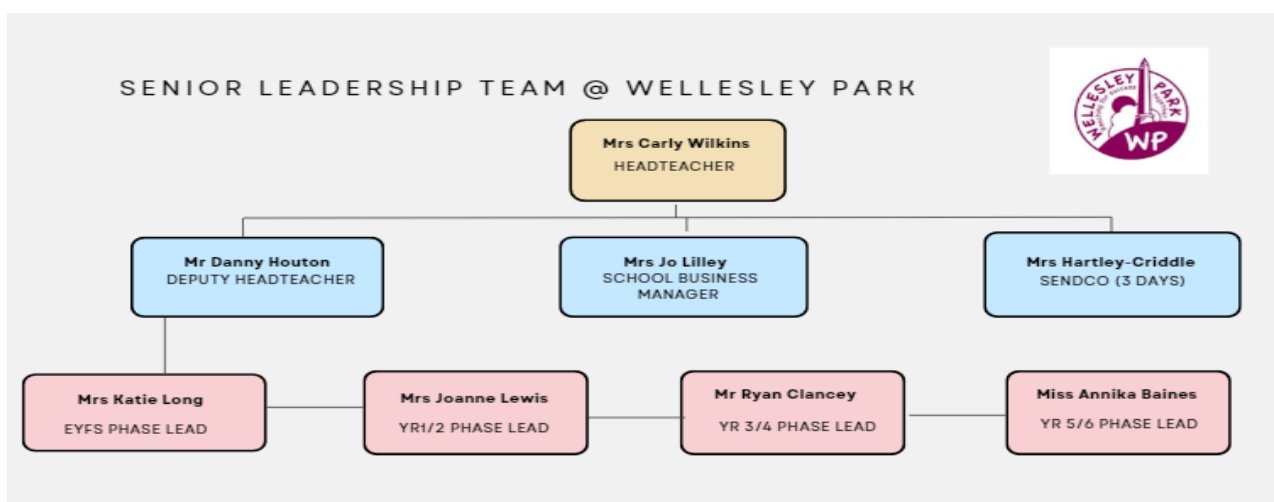
### Senior Leadership Team

Next year, we have some new staff members joining our Senior Leadership team. A reminder that Mr Houton will join our team as Deputy Headteacher, he is very excited to get to know you all. As you are aware, Miss Baines has been interim Deputy Head teacher this academic year and has been a real asset in this Senior Leadership role and will continue to be asset to our school as UKS2 Phase Leader. I would like to thank Miss Baines for her supportive approach and for driving forward curriculum developments, this year.

Mrs Lewis joins us Yr1/2 Phase Leader. She is currently the Deputy Headteacher at a school in Bridgwater and brings with her lots of experience and expertise and is thrilled to join our KS1 team. We have also added more capacity to our SLT team to help enhance expertise, deepen our focus on improving standards / outcome, whilst improving community engagement.

You will notice that Mrs Murphy has decided to step down as Phase Leader to spend more time with her family. I would like to thank Mrs Murphy for her endless support, she has made a significant contribution to our whole school development. However, we are really pleased that she will continue to be a much-valued member of our teaching team.

### Class Structure for 24-25



As a school, we are having to reduce our current number of classes from 13 to 11. This is due to a national (and local) low birth rate as well as a reduction in funding. Therefore, sadly, some staff will be leaving us at the end of the academic year.

Class	Year	Teaching staff
Peake	YR	Mrs Katie Long ( <i>Phase Lead</i> )
Earhart	Y1/2	Miss Nadine Winsor
Norgay	Y1/2	Mrs Joanna Lewis ( <i>Phase Lead</i> )
Henson	Y3/4	Mrs Francesca Murphy & Miss Laura Hill
Shackleton	Y3/4	Mr Ryan Clancey ( <i>Phase Lead</i> )
Spruce	Y3/4	Miss Hannah Gulliver (Maternity Cover for Mrs Lydia White)
Attenborough	Y5	Mrs Ellie Taylor & Mrs Vicky Pilling
Darwin	Y5	Mr George Chamberlain
Bell	Y6	Miss Annika Baines ( <i>Phase Lead</i> )
Kingsley	Y6	Mr Leigh Morris
Jemison	Y6	Ms Kate Fitzgerald & Mr Danny Houton ( <i>Deputy Headteacher</i> )

Both Mrs Mitton and Miss Barrell have secured teaching positions in local schools and I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to Wellesley Park, this academic year. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new schools.

### Transition arrangements

Transition can be an exciting time for children, as they prepare for a forthcoming change. It is only natural that your child may feel apprehensive about moving-up and the changes this will bring. You can support them by talking positively about these new events and showing them that you are confident in their ability to embrace change. It is especially important that you face the new school year happily as a family - even if, as a parent, you are feeling anxious yourself – as children can easily pick-up on ‘transferred’ adult anxieties and concerns. If you have any worries, or comments regarding transition, then please do not hesitate to contact your child’s current class teacher.

As always, staff have come together to discuss the movement of children from one year group to the next. We have considered friendship groups, ability, personalities and interest. As you can imagine, this takes an incredibly long time to ensure that we get it as right as possible.

I am excited to also tell you, that your child will spend an afternoon next week, getting to know their new classmates and the teachers/support staff, who will be working with them next year. This special afternoon will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Your child will bring a teacher ‘All about Me’ document home, on this day, to let you know which class they are in.

At the end of the school day, you can collect your child from their normal classrooms.

Finally, this just leaves me to say thank you for your continued support. After what has been a busy and productive year for the school, I am very much looking forward to the next academic year and what this will bring for us all!

With best wishes,

Carly Wilkins  
Headteacher