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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

We know that you may have many questions about next year and how this will look. We want to assure you that despite not yet knowing fully what September will look like, transition is still at the forefront of our minds. As always, we will do our utmost to ensure every child has a smooth transition back into school and their next year group.

I know many of you are having conversations about the possibility of your child staying in their same class/year group or with their current teacher. Unfortunately this cannot happen. However, I want assure you that every child in this country is in the same situation. We are already working on a 'Recovery Curriculum' and how we can best support the children on their return, both socially and academically. In terms of children remaining with their teacher, sadly this is not possible. We have teachers moving on, teachers joining us and teachers contracted hours changing. Logistically this wouldn't work and wouldn't be fair for all. We know our staff are brilliant at knowing their pupils and quickly forming relationships, these are fundamental in enabling each learner to feel safe and secure. More than ever, time will be spent building these on your child's return to school-so please try not to worry.

Staffing Next Year

As part of the Castleman Academy Trust we pride ourselves on developing our staff. One of the advantages of being part of Trust is the opportunity to share expertise and have the opportunity to work across both the First and Middle school, supporting children with a soft step transition. As of September, Miss Debbie Clothier, Miss Krista Faber, Mrs Kieran Bone, Miss Kayleigh Mackin and Mrs Wendy Wright will be joining the team up at Broadstone Middle School. As much as we are sad to see them go we know they will all be great assets to the team at Middle School. We will deeply miss them all but are so pleased to continue to work alongside them in the Trust. I want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of them for their commitment and hard work. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in the next step of their careers.

At the end of this academic year we will say goodbye to Mrs Sue Lillyston who will be leaving us to pursue a new adventure as she continues to train to be a teacher. Mrs Lillyston has been with us at BFS for 6 years and we can't thank her enough for all the support she has given and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

As we say a goodbye to some staff we also welcome some new lovely members of staff to our team. Mrs Jan Feltham will be re-joining us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs Feltham has recently been working up at the Middle School and will be returning to BFS from September. I am delighted to share with you that Mr Tom Ball will be joining us as part of the teaching team from September. Mr Ball has worked closely with us this year, completing his teacher training and is excited to have his very own class. We also welcome Miss Ella Crocker, who is to excited to share her passion for learning with us. Lastly, Mrs Tanya White will also be joining us. Mrs White has taught in a local Primary School and has a wealth of experience in teaching Reception. She is delighted to join us and discover all we do at Broadstone First. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming all of the above new members of staff. We cannot wait for you meet them.

Classes for 2020-21

I am delighted to be able to share with you the details of your child's class and teacher for next year. The team have worked really hard to ensure the correct balances across the year groups and that every pupil, who submitted their friendship flower, has at least one of their chosen friends. We are really pleased this can be with you early this year to hopefully alleviate some worries and give your child more time to familiarise themselves with the arrangements for next academic year. If you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact either the school office or myself on rwood@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk

Kind regards

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