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Dear parents/carers

### **Staffing for September 2016**

As with many schools at this time of year, we will shortly be saying farewell to some staff and preparing to welcome others.

Miss Martyn will be taking a career break for a year to travel various parts of the world! We wish her all the best and look forward to her re-joining our team in September 2017.

Mrs Dixon, the Base Leader of the SpLD outreach service based here with us at Thomas Coram is retiring at the end of this term. Although the SpLD Base has been with us only just over a year, I have benefitted hugely from Mrs Dixon's experience and knowledge. Many schools, teachers, teaching assistants and pupils in the area have had support and advice from Mrs Dixon over the 15 years she has worked in SpLD provision in Hertfordshire; she has made a sustained and significant contribution to the development of local schools' provisions for pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties and made a valuable difference to individuals in overcoming some of their barriers to learning. We wish her a very happy retirement.

The end of an academic year is not only about farewells. It is also a time to welcome and congratulate new colleagues. Joining us in September will be four new teachers: Miss O'Brien, Miss Collins, Miss Wilson and Mr Phelan. We will also be welcoming a new Sports Assistant, Miss Minter, and Mrs Shearer joins our SpLD Base team as a specialist teacher. To these colleagues we offer our congratulations and a very warm welcome.

Next year's teams will therefore be:

- Year 3: Miss Collins, Mr Donald, Miss Williamson & Miss Wilson
- Year 4: Miss O'Doherty, Miss O'Brien & Mrs Bruguier with Mrs Cutler
- Year 5 (in three classes): Miss Griffin, Mr Phelan & Miss Walker
- Year 6: Mrs Tebby & Mrs Briscoe with Mrs Thomson

We also have some new leadership arrangements: Miss Williamson, Associate Assistant Headteacher, will lead Year 3; Mrs Cutler, Assistant Headteacher, will lead Year 4; Mrs Winfrow, Associate Assistant Headteacher, will lead Years 5 and 6.

We also congratulate Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Rennison, our two SpLD Base specialist teachers, as they jointly take on the role of Base Leaders for our SpLD service next year.

Pupils have now met their teacher for next year; you will have an opportunity to formally meet your child's class teacher in the first couple of weeks of term in September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher