



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

July 2020

Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, parents and children, for your overwhelming support over the last few months. Many of you have sent such lovely and touching messages to us via email, via parent survey and via Twitter to say what a great job we have done during very difficult times. Thank you.

Parents of keyworkers have shared their gratitude to us all for providing childcare for their children since the start of lockdown back in March, including all holiday periods as well as bank holidays. I speak on behalf of our staff, when I say it has been an absolute pleasure to have been able to support you in order to enable you to serve our local community. Thank you.

Parents who have supported home learning have enthusiastically shared work via Twitter and year groups emails. It has proven a great way of keeping in touch and we have loved seeing what you have been up to. Many of you have commented on how clear and detailed the packs are and that you have appreciated being able to complete work, guided by the teaching team, at your own pace without the pressures of deadlines so that you can fit this around family routines. Thank you.

Parents of YR, Y1 and Y6, who returned on June 1st have shared with us how they feel we are doing a fabulous job of keeping their children safe and they are reassured by the many safety measures we have put in place. You have commented on how well organised the drop off and pick ups are and how the communication prior to the return via email and You Tube helped you to feel secure when returning your child back to our care. Thank you.

For me, whilst I have enjoyed having key worker children in school throughout the pandemic, I am much happier now that we are able to welcome more children back, and I am now really looking forward to welcoming all children back full time in September. I can't wait to have vibrant classrooms once again with topic doors and creative displays. Nor can I wait for our fun ways to introduce the new topics and I cant wait to talk to each year group about how much they are enjoying their learning. I know staff are looking forward to this too.

So, once again, thank you!!! Thank you to parents, to children and staff too—together we achieve more—well done Meir Heath Family for being so supportive during a particularly difficult few months.

With love and best wishes,

Mrs Southern

Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to wish Mr Steer and Miss Cummings good luck as they will be venturing on to new and exciting challenges. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and contributions to Meir Heath Academy and the Trust over the years.

We wish them well in their new adventures...



We Welcome Two New Members of Staff to our Meir Heath Family

I am delighted to have appointed two experienced teachers to join our Meir Heath Family. Not knowingly and not related, both ladies have the same surname. Both teachers have an outstanding professional record and they will be a real asset to our already fabulous team.



Mrs Shaw will join the Y5 team this year. She has joined us from St Joseph's in Uttoxeter where she has taught Y5 and Y6 for a number of years.

Miss Shaw will join the Y3 team this year. She has joined us from St Gregory's in Longton where she has taught Y2 and Y3 for a number of years.

Welcome to our wonderful Meir Heath Family.

Classes for Next Year

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the teaching structure for next year:

Mrs Podmore will be teaching YRP	Miss Rogers will be teaching YRR
YRP children will now be taught by Mrs Hope (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Taylor (Friday). The class will be named Y1HT	YRR children will now be taught by Mrs Askey. The class will be named Y1A
Y1S children will now be taught by Mrs Fisher (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Cameron (Friday). The class will be named Y2CF	Y1A children will now be taught by Mrs Cameron (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Kirk (Wednesday to Friday). The class will be named Y2CK
Y2GH children will now be taught by Miss Maddock. The class will be named Y3M	Y2CF children will now be taught by Miss Shaw. The class will be named Y3S
Y3M children will now be taught by Mrs Carnall (full time) and Mrs Taylor on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The class will be named Y4CT	Y3C children will now be taught by Mr Langston. The class will be named Y4L
Y4C children will now be taught by Mrs Shaw. The class will be named Y5S	Y4L children will now be taught by Mrs Dodd. The class will be named Y5D
Y5D children will now be taught by Mrs Turkmen. The class will be named Y6T	Y5CK children will now be taught by Mr Mottram. The class will be named Y6M
Mr Wilkinson will teach PE across the school. Mrs Pickering will teach RE and music to Y1 upwards.	Please note that Mrs Ginders will join the Y6 teaching team on a Wednesday and Friday.

Our teachers have prepared a transition pack for you and your child and this will be sent out via email. The pack will include a letter to parents with key information about the year group, a letter to your child, a fact file about your child's new teacher and a request for your child to complete their own fact file about themselves and to email this to their new teacher for e.g. if your child is currently in Y2, then you would email the fact file to the Year 3 email address. This will all be explained in the letter.