



22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

Class Arrangements and Staffing Changes from September 2026

We are writing to you to let you know as early as possible who your child's class teacher will be in September. Please refer to the attached overview of classes, teachers and teaching assistants.

We have 4 new teachers joining us in September, Caroline Williams, Ellie Jaques, Olivia Cruise and Alyssa Riddiford. Caroline and Ellie will be teaching in F1 (Nursery), Olivia will be in Y1 and Alyssa, who was a student with us this year, will be in Y5. We also welcome back Dawn Shipston-Gray as a teaching assistant in F2 (Reception). Dawn is an excellent TA who worked at Watercliffe previously.

We are hoping that our new staff will be in school for some transition events at the end of this term to get to know Watercliffe and their new classes.

We have 4 staff leaving when we finish for the summer break. Danielle Houghton and Danielle Page from our nursery, Rebecca Costello-Moss and Steven Barnes.

Danielle Houghton has been with us since we opened and came from Busk Meadow before that. She has given so many children a fantastic start to their school life over the years and she will be hugely missed.

Danielle Page has been with us for the past 6 years and has also been a very valuable member of the nursery team during that time. Both are moving to jobs nearer where they live.

Rebecca has been with us since the early days and is moving just around the corner to St Catherine's where she will be doing a more specialised SEND role.

Steven has been with us for 7 years as a Y3/Y4 teacher and is moving to a school on the other side of the city with fresh challenges. We wish them every success in their new schools and know that they will take a bit of Watercliffe Meadow with them.

Additionally, Lauren Gibson, our Early Years SENDCo, is going on maternity leave. Her baby is due very shortly after the holidays. Rebecca Molson, who has worked with us before will be covering in Lauren's absence.

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We will be running some transition sessions after half term for your child to get to know their class teacher and to help establish routines ready for the start of September. You will receive your child's 'WCM University' end of year report towards the end of next half term.

If there are any questions you have about the class and/or staffing arrangements, please do not hesitate to speak to us or email us on office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk. The Leadership Team and Governors have spent a long time planning the structure so that all of our children have the best learning support we can possibly offer to them.

Yours sincerely,

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Ian Read
Headteacher

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Head of School

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