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Dear Families,

Thank you for your positivity and support over recent weeks; I was so pleased to meet with many of you during our recent 'proper' face-to-face parents evenings. As we progress with our work, I am starting to see the value of our new curriculum coming through in school and am confident that pupils will learn more skills, more knowledge and have good quality teaching/learning this year – all to ensure their outcomes are higher and that they are ready for the next step in their education.

To ensure that each of the very varied class sizes at Longmeadow have an equal level of adult support, and that provision is closely linked to the needs of the children, we have carefully planned some changes to the teaching assistants that support in class. Although some schools do not have dedicated TA support in each class, at Longmeadow (as is also true at Waterside), we are very passionate about the benefits of additional adults working with pupils to help them make good progress. We want pupils to get to know and learn from different adults, as this supports their overall personal development well.

From next week, the 21st November, until Christmas, the teaching assistants that support the teachers in each class will be as follows:

Nursery/Reception – Mrs Goddard, Mrs Banna & Mrs Young (no change)

Year 1 - Mrs J Lorincz

Year 2 - Mrs Jimo

Year 3 - Mrs L Hughes

Year 4 - Miss Nelson

Year 5 – Miss Jones (no change)

Year 6 – Miss L Hughes (no change)

We hope that this change ensures that children do not feel that they are dependent on one particular adult; and that they become confident learners, who experience many positive interactions, along with the opportunity of practicing good learning behaviours with all our brilliant staff.

After some staffing issues in Year 2 and some invaluable feedback that has been flagged-up by parents, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Badesha will be supporting Year 2 in the mornings each day. She will work closely alongside supply cover who will support both in Year 2 in the afternoons, and Year 5 in the mornings. This will ensure that there is consistency of cover and support across both classes. Thank you to our year two parents/carers for their patience during this difficult spell.

Kind regards

Mr T Mills-Bishop

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