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Staffing Changes at Gade Valley Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we will have some new staff joining our fantastic Gade Valley team in September. This is an exciting time for us and I always like to look at change as positive, however with new staff joining us it means there will be some sad farewells to get through first.

Mrs Simons will be retiring from teaching and is already thinking about how she can make the most of her opportunities to travel! Mrs Simons has been at Gade Valley for 11 years and has shown tremendous dedication. She has taught countless children in her roles as a Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and PPA teacher. In addition she has been a teacher governor and a committed advocate of the GVSA. We will miss Mrs Simons and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her all the best with her retirement plans.

Mrs Hobbs has decided to move a little closer to home and will be joining St Cuthbert Mayne school. Mrs Hobbs is another sad loss. Along with her wonderful teaching over the years, she has also led on some key aspects for us, including, most recently, working as the school's Special Needs Co-ordinator. Mrs Hobbs has been at Gade Valley for 13 years and has been very committed to her role. Mrs Hobbs will be missed and we wish her lots of luck in her new role in her new school.

We are pleased to inform you that we welcome two new teachers to Gade Valley, who will be starting in September – Mrs Baxter and Mrs Watson.

Mrs Baxter joins us as a full-time class teacher. She has a wealth of experience of teaching and leading in Hertfordshire, but more importantly a desire to be a teacher in our wonderful school community.

We also welcome Mrs Watson as a part-time teacher to initially teach all classes as part of PPA cover. She has strong experience of teaching and leading in London and is very committed to giving the children the best possible education.

In addition, to the new staff, we have also restructured some of the staffing for September. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Steadman will be the new SENCo, Mr West the new Deputy Headteacher and Miss Kavanagh the new Key Stage 2 leader.

As mentioned in Thursday's Phase 3 letter, we will inform pupils (and yourselves) of the teaching teams for next year via a website briefing video and letter on Wednesday.

We wish everyone the very best of luck for their exciting next steps and thank them for their contribution to Gade Valley.

Take Care
Mr Barron