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Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Tuesday 30th June**, we will be holding our Whole School Transition Morning. During this time, children will have the opportunity to visit their new classroom and spend time with their new class teacher. As positive relationships are so important, this morning provides a valuable opportunity for children to begin building a connection with their new teacher. They will also learn about some of the key events and experiences that will take place in the year group they are moving into.

For 2026/27, most class teachers will be teaching in the same year group they have taught in this year, with the exception of Year 5 which has changed due to a change in leadership.

After 16 years as Deputy Headteacher at Northenden Community School, Mrs Gray has made the decision to relinquish her leadership responsibility and is very much looking forward to continuing as a class teacher. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gray for all her hard work and dedication to our school and for being a constant to families and children throughout the various changes that have taken place over recent years. We are so pleased that we will continue to have her expertise and experience remaining within our teaching team.

Emily McGovern, will begin her role as Deputy Headteacher from September 2026 as well as becoming the Class Teacher for Year 5. Emily is currently the Key Stage 2 Assistant Headteacher at Rackhouse Primary School and has an excellent knowledge of Upper Key Stage 2 as she has been a Year 6 teacher for the last 5 years. She is incredibly passionate about supporting Northenden Community School's continual journey of improvement and we know she will make a significant impact on our school.

Due to the change in leadership, unfortunately we will have to say thank you and goodbye to Miss Williams at the end of the year. She has been a fantastic Year 5 teacher and has been a fully committed team player, supporting the school and the children in her class wherever she can. We wish her all the best for her future career and thank her for everything she has given to Northenden Community School this year.

Class Teachers 2026-2027

Year group	Class Teacher/ Teachers
Nursery	Mrs P Allen
Reception	Mrs T Singh
Year 1	Mrs T Brooks
Year 2	Miss F Keenan
Year 3	Miss E Baydemir
Year 4	Mr J Jones/ Ms A Avanesian
Year 5	Miss E McGovern
Year 6	Mrs A Gray

Whilst the children who already attend Northenden are having their transition morning, Mrs Allen will be facilitating another opportunity for our new to Nursery children and their parents to come to the Nursery and get to know both the staff and each other a little more. Mrs Allen will be sharing more details of this with our new parents in due course.

At the other end of school, we will be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 children at the end of the Year, we thought it might be helpful for our current families to know which schools the children will be attending in September, to help them consider where they would like their child to go in the future. The school's they will be attending are below.

Name of School	Number of Pupils
Bramhall High School	1
Cheadle Hulme School	1
Chorlton High School South	2
Dixons Brooklands Academy	1
Parrs Wood High School	20
Reddish Hall School	1
Stretford Grammar	2
Trinity High School	1

In addition to the transition morning planned, we will be creating several opportunities for our children to get to know their new teacher/ teachers even better such as having story time together, time for staff to observe the children in lessons and a specific writing project at the end of the year. The staff will also be having official hand over meetings where all information about your child such as learning behaviours and medical needs are passed onto the new teacher.

We will also ensure the 'My Learning Plans' for those children who have Special Educational Needs will be co-created with both their current and new teacher and we will be making bespoke transition plans for some of these children to ensure a smooth start in September.

Finally, as explained in the school newsletter, you will receive your child's end of year reports on Thursday 9th July and there will be an Optional Parents Evening on Wednesday 15th July. Optional Parents Evening is intended for parents who wish to discuss their child's school report or raise any concerns they may have. If after receiving your school report, you feel you need to meet with the class teacher, please let them know so that you can arrange a mutually convenient time. Like with the parents evenings in the autumn and spring term, these meetings are expected to last no more than 10 minutes.

Best wishes,



Ruth Byrne
Headteacher



Article 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities)

Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.