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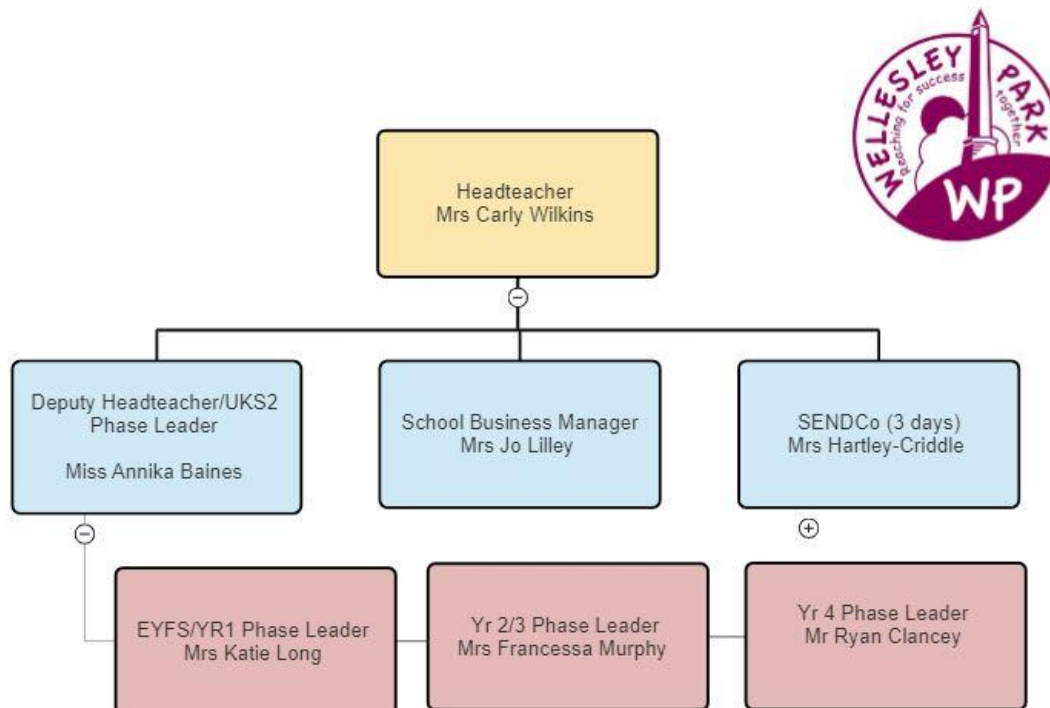
Dear Parents/Carers,

### Staffing Structure for 2023-24 and Transition Arrangements

As we look to September, I am delighted to share with you the teaching structure, so together we can prepare our children for what lies ahead.

#### Senior Leadership Team

As you will notice from the structure below, Mrs H-C has decided to step down as Deputy Headteacher from next year, but is excited to continue in her role as SENDCo, on a part time basis for 3 days a week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs H-C for her constant support as my deputy – she has made a significant contribution to our whole school improvement journey. We will undertake the recruitment process for a Deputy Headteacher, next academic year.



In the meantime, a huge congratulations to Miss Baines, who will be our interim Deputy Headteacher for next year as well as continuing as UKS2 Phase Lead. Katie Long joins our team in the role of EYFS/YR1 Phase Leader. Mrs Long is an experienced EYFS/KS1 teacher with a proven track record for school improvement in this area, so brings a wealth of knowledge. Ryan Clancey joins us from West Sussex, where he is currently the lead for curriculum - so he too will bring a wealth of knowledge to our team. For the Autumn term, Ryan will cover the phase lead role for Yr2/3/4, until Mrs Murphy returns from maternity leave.

## Teaching Structure

Class	Year	Teaching staff
Peake	YR/1	Mrs Katie Long (Phase Lead)
Armstrong	YR/1	Miss Nadine Winsor
Sharman	YR/1	Mrs Hailey Thompson-Burrows
Cousteau	Y2/3	Mrs Francesca Murphy (Phase Lead) & Miss Holly Floyd (maternity cover)
Earhart	Y2/3	Mrs Lydia White
Norgay	Y2/3	Mrs Amber Mitton
Henson	Y4	Miss Laura Hill
Shackleton	Y4	Mr Ryan Clancey (Phase Lead)
Attenborough	Y5	Mrs Ellie Taylor & Mrs Vicky Pilling (Mr Stew Mcafadzean as maternity cover)
Spruce	Y5	Miss Hannah Gulliver
Darwin	Y5	Mr George Chamberlain & Mrs Emmie Hartley-Criddle
Bell	Y6	Miss Annika Baines (DHT & Phase Lead)
Kingsley	Y6	Mr Leigh Morris & Ms Kate Fitzgerald

You will notice from the structure that sadly this means we are saying goodbye to Mrs Laura White, Mr Dominic Hakes and Miss Hannah Bardle.

Miss Bardle has been a part of the Wellesley Park community for 5 years, starting her journey as a trainee teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the consistency of high-quality teaching that she has provided for a number of our children. We wish her all the very best in her new adventure.

Mr Hakes is leaving us and heading back to his roots in computing and technology and will be joining Wellington School as a Data and IT Training Manager. I am sure you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him all the very best.

Mrs White is moving over to IKB, so although not directly teaching at Wellesley Park, she will remain within our Trust and a familiar face amongst the staff and local community. In a short time, Mrs White has had a significant positive impact and of course, we wish her all the best in her new role.

As a result of these departures, I am delighted to confirm, following rigorous recruitment processes, we have successfully appointed five new members to our teaching team. We would like to welcome: Mrs Katie Long, Mrs Hailey Thompson-Burrows, Mr George Chamberlain, Mrs Amber Mitton and Mr Ryan Clancey. All have proved themselves through the various processes to be passionate and enthusiastic and I have no doubt they will quickly become valued members of our community and I welcome them with congratulations and an excitement for the new academic year.

### Transition arrangements

Transition can be an exciting time for children, as they prepare for a forthcoming change. It is only natural that your child may feel apprehensive about moving up and the changes this will bring. You can support them by talking positively about these new events, and showing them that you are confident in their ability to embrace change. It is especially important that you face the new school year happily as a family - even if as a parent, you are feeling anxious yourself – as our children can easily pick-up on ‘transferred’ adult anxieties and concerns. If you have any worries, or comments regarding transition, then please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s current class teacher.

As always, staff have come together to discuss the movement of children from one year group to the next. We have considered friendship groups, ability, personalities and interests to ensure an even spread. As you can imagine, this takes an incredibly long time to ensure that we get it as right as possible.

I am excited to tell you, that your child will spend an afternoon next week, getting to know their new classmates and teachers/support staff, who will be working with them next year. This special afternoon will take place on Wednesday 5th July. Your child will bring a teacher ' All About Me' document home, on this day, to let you know which class they are in.

At the end of the school day, you can collect your child from their normal classrooms.

Finally, this just leaves me to say thank you for your continued support for the school. After what has been a busy and productive year for the school, we are well positioned as we move into the next academic year.

With best wishes,

*Carly Wilkins*  
Headteacher



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