



Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Eagles Class from Monday 13th September until October half-term

As you know, all Year 5s are currently together in Eagles Class in one group; this was a plan put together last year. Currently, the children are finding the change from Year 4 to Year 5 challenging and we want to ensure that the start to Year 5 is really strong. Therefore, Mr. Culpin, Mrs. Freeman and I have discussed how we can improve things at the start of the year and have decided that Eagles will be getting an additional teacher until October half-term at least, and be split into two classes. Their teachers will be:

Eagles 1: Mrs. Cox, Tuesdays to Fridays with Miss. North (Teaching Assistant), slightly larger group of 22;

Eagles 1: Mr. Draper, Monday's on Mrs. Cox's non-working day;

Eagles 2: Mr. Moore (new to our school), slightly smaller group of 20;

Other curriculum areas:

- Guitars on Mondays: both classes will have separate lessons of guitars as previously planned;
- Swimming on Thursdays: both classes will continue to go swimming with Mr. Russell and Miss North;
- P.E. on Fridays: both classes will have a separate P.E. lesson with Mr. Russell as previously planned;

Mr. Moore (Eagles 2 Monday to Friday)

Mr. Moore is a local person, he studied at the University of Lincoln for a Psychology degree before training to become a teacher. Mr. Moore met Year 5 yesterday and impressed us with his understanding of learning and teaching and children's needs. He is very excited to be joining us and will be starting on Monday 13th September.

Mr. Draper (Eagles 1 on Mondays)

Mr. Draper is a very experienced class teacher and a semi-retired Headteacher and has previously taught at Gunton Primary and other local primary schools. He brings a wealth of experience to the school and will work with Eagles 1 next Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Cox and Miss North, and will continue on a Monday on Mrs. Cox's non-working day.

I understand from emails and other information that many of you were concerned about the start of this academic year, and I hope that this swift decision to improve provision for your children reassures you that we are listening, reflecting and determined that we keep improving. You will have an opportunity to meet and speak with Mr. Draper and Mr. Moore on the playground, and I know that they will thoroughly enjoy being part of the Phoenix team. Children will know which Eagle group they will be in on Friday this week.

Yours sincerely,

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Matthew Jordan
Associate Headteacher