



Wednesday 29th August 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Welcome Back**

As the 2018/2019 academic year begins, we are excited to welcome the families of Redlands back to school, for what we know will be another fantastic year for us as we continue our journey to improve and work together in aiming for excellence. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very special welcome to the new pupils who have joined Redlands this year; we hope that you are as excited as we are to become a part of the Redlands community.

We hope that you have had a fun-filled and restful summer holiday and are ready to begin a year full of exciting learning journeys, along with many great opportunities to be included in the Redlands community by supporting the school and the children in being the best they can be.

To support us in improving the children's learning environment, the school has undergone some improvements over the summer break including: new KS1 and boys toilets along the main corridor, an extra fire exit out of the hall and fencing changes to the EYFS boundary and field entrance. We believe that the changes that have been made (and those that are planned for the year ahead), will ensure that Redlands continues to provide the best environment for our children to learn and grow. We will also be introducing a new electronic sign in system at the school office during the Autumn term, as well as fob entry to all of our external doors in order to further support us in safeguarding the school along with maintaining compliance with new GDPR guidelines.

**We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding Open Classroom sessions during the first full week of term. The purpose of these sessions is for the class teachers to share with the parents their expectations for the upcoming school year (e.g PE days, homework, timetables, behaviour expectations, trips etc). Sessions will be presented by the year group class teachers as a whole and will be held in one of the year group classrooms – please see attached the date and location of your child's Open Classroom session.**

As a Senior Leadership Team, we are very proud of the strong team that we have created and are very pleased to welcome three new staff members to the Redlands team. Mr Odiam will be joining us as our Sports Coach and will also be supporting the running of our Breakfast Club, Mr Strutt will be working alongside Mr Odiam as our Sports Apprentice and Mrs Hastie will be joining the Year 3 team as a Learning Support Assistant. We hope that you will join us in wishing them well as they begin their journey as part of the Redlands community.

We are passionate about ensuring that we maintain a high level of communication between the school and the parents and, with this in mind we, will continue communication via our website, emails, weekly updates, letters and Coffee and Chat sessions. We will also be providing parents with a key dates calendar to support our families in preparing for the year ahead. Please note that not all events/trips, etc will be included at this time; however, we will endeavour to provide parents with plenty of notice of upcoming events.

We understand that there may be times during the year when you need to discuss your child's education and/or well-being, please be reminded that if this is the case, parents should speak to their child's class teacher in the first instance; should you be unable to discuss your query at the start or end of the school day, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your queries.

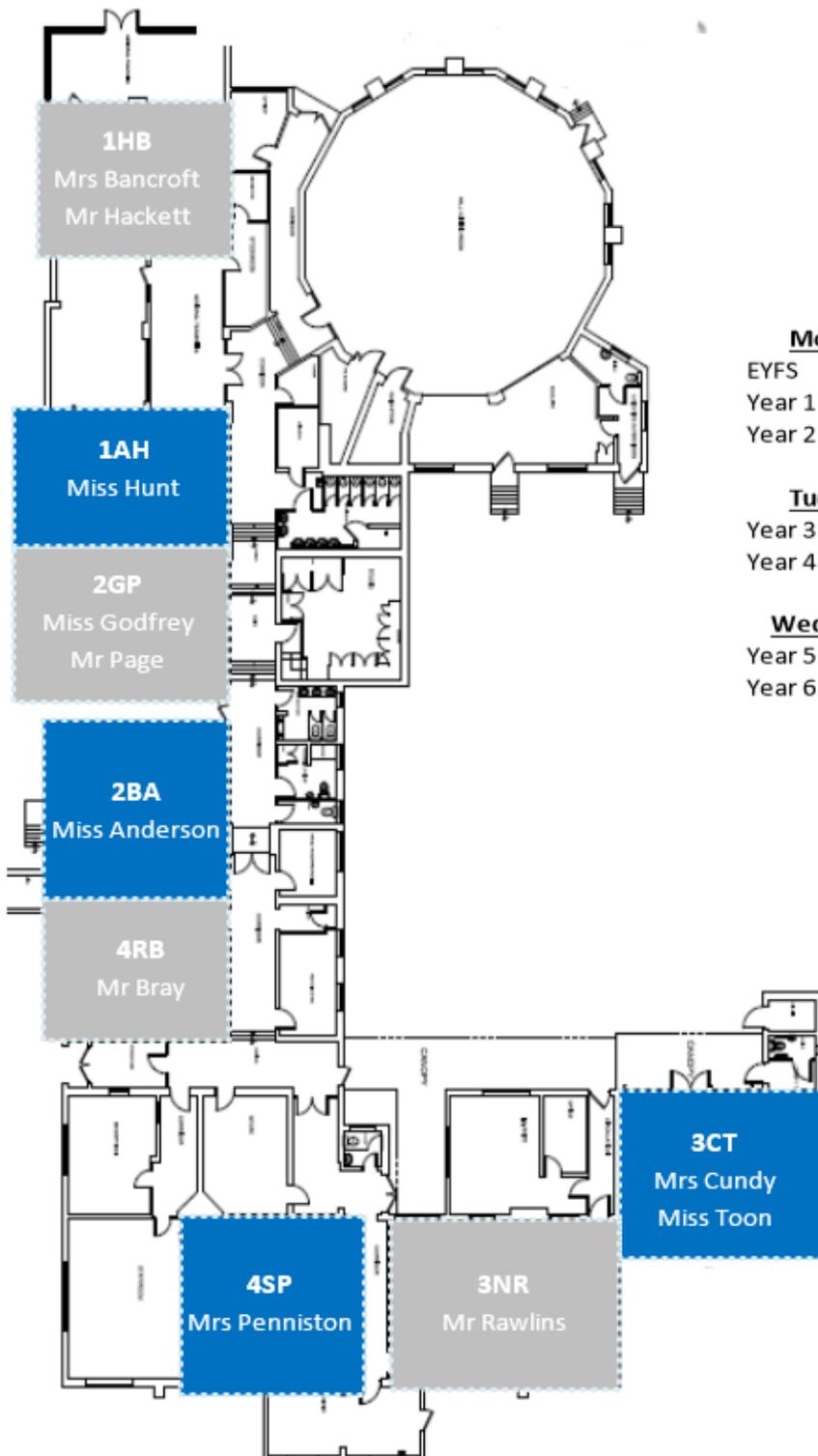
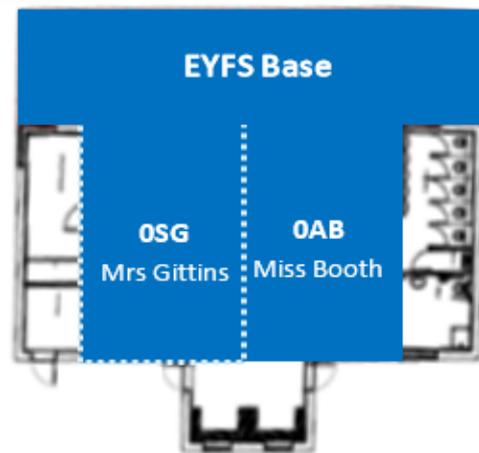
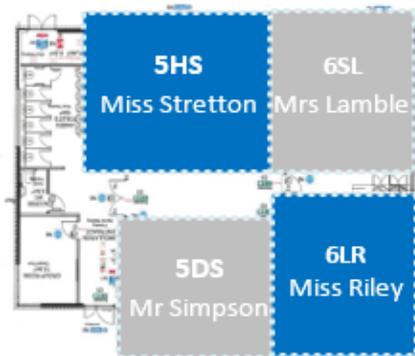
We are very eager to ensure that this year is the best it can be and, along with the changes that have already been made, we would like to continue these improvements with the support of our staff, the parents and the children. We hope that you will join us in our vision and help us to create a year to be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Michelle Tobin  
Headteacher

Mrs Louise Headley  
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Nicky Ball  
Deputy Headteacher



### Open Classroom Sessions

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 3.30pm-4.15pm

EYFS – EYFS Base  
 Year 1 – Miss Hunt's Classroom  
 Year 2 – Miss Anderson's Classroom

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 3.30pm-4.15pm

Year 3 – Mrs Cundy/Miss Toon Classroom  
 Year 4 – Mrs Penniston's Classroom

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 3.30pm-4.15pm

Year 5 – Miss Stretton's Classroom  
 Year 6 – Miss Riley's Classroom