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Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware of the very challenging financial position that schools are currently facing. Our Nursery has, unfortunately, undertaken a restructure to ensure our future sustainability. As part of this process roles within the school have been reviewed and current staff have had some very difficult choices to make. It is with great sadness that the following staff will be leaving us at the end of term:

Melissa Haynes

Mrs Haynes has been working at the Nursery for over 20 years. She started here as a parent helper. Her daughter was the first child to start at the Nursery when it opened followed by her other daughter a few years later! One of her many roles has been in supporting children with SEND and she has been a great support to children with additional needs ever since. In her role of Manager of the Children's Club she has worked with all key groups and provided high quality wrap around care. She has led a number of staff in the Children's Club and worked collaboratively with the staff on both sites. In addition, she has also held the position of staff governor in which she has given up time to support with the strategic direction of the school. We will miss her infectious laughter and singing voice-the gusto always made up for the dubious tunefulness!

Julie Cook

Mrs Cook has worked at the Nursery for over 32 years. Originally she started as a student when the Nursery was based at Lawn Lane then took on the role of Nursery Nurse! She was part of the team that brought the Nursery from Lawn Lane to Heath Lane and, apart from having some time out to have her family, she has worked at the school ever since. She has been a key person of the Badgers for a number of years and knows so many of our families. Over the years she has taken on a number of roles and all children have benefitted from her nurturing support. We will miss her chatty nature and unique dance moves!

Sharon King

Mrs King has worked at the Nursery for a number of years. All three of her boys attended Heath Lane Nursery at some point. She initially started at the Nursery leading the breakfast club (when it was located in the staffroom!) She also spent time working for the Children's Centre on site. She has supported children in all key groups and has been really flexible in providing support when



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needed over the years. She has been invaluable in providing support to children on a 1:1 basis, small groups and staff!

Dawn Harmsworth

Mrs Harmsworth has worked at the Nursery, in a number of roles, since 2015. Started with working at lunchtime and provided flexible support when the school needed it and has provided support at all of the wraparound sessions. She has been a great supporter of the PTA and helped organise last year's successful summer fete. She is going to take the role of road crossing supervisor at St Rose's school and after her support at the walk to St John's we know she will be fabulous!

Tanya Jarnac

Mrs Jarnac has worked for the Nursery for over 6 years. She initially provided support in the after school club and holiday club for the Nursery. More recently she has provided cover for a number of groups. She has taken the Hedgehogs every Friday afternoon and we know that they will miss her lovely singing and cheerfulness.

We would like to wish all these members of staff well and would like to pass on our huge thanks for the time and commitment they have shown to the children and families of Heath Lane Nursery School over the years.

We hope that the elected government reverse the awful cut to school funding so that schools do not find themselves in this terribly difficult position in the future.

I would personally like to thank all staff for their professionalism over this challenging time and commend their incredible efforts to ensure that provision for children has not been affected by this process in any way.

We will be sending out details of new staff members joining us in January next week and can assure you that every key group will have a key person to start back in January.

Kind Regards

Mrs Hayley Yendell
Headteacher