



Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Grazebrook Families,

RE: Key Contacts at Grazebrook

Thank you to those of you who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher Sessions held so far this term. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 and 2 families on Thursday, Reception families on Friday and Nursery families on the 23rd of September. The slides from these sessions will be uploaded to the letters section of the school website under the 'Parents' tab and a link shared with you via MCAS (or a text for those that do not have an MCAS account).

As many of you will be aware, Ms Stockbridge is currently absent from work. Prior to Ms Stockbridge's absence, we successfully employed a Lead Practitioner for SEND, Ms Eleanor Alford, who has now joined the Grazebrook Team from Thomas Fairchild, one of our New Wave schools. Ms Alford has taken over all SENCo duties and is the key point of contact for all matters relating to SEND. Ms Alford has begun to contact families directly and will continue to do so over the course of September.

Later this month, there will be a SEND family coffee morning in order for Ms Alford to share information about the local and school offer. Details of the event will follow later this week. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss your child's SEND needs with her or their class teacher, please contact the school office to book a phone call or appointment.

We greatly appreciate those of you who have noticed that Ms Bunbury has not been on the gate this week and have asked after her and wished her well. It is likely that she will be absent from work for a period of time and due to the nature of her absence, we are unable to confirm her return to work date at this stage.

Ms Joanna Ichim, who the older children will remember from her many years teaching and leading at Grazebrook, is covering Ms Bunbury's role. Ms Ichim has worked at all four of the New Wave Federation schools over the last twelve years and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

As always, we ask that you reach out to your child's class teacher before the senior leadership team via the school office and understand that we are often unable to respond on the same day therefore, if there is an emergency, please telephone the school.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Beecroft".

Katie Beecroft
Headteacher