

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Lammin (BSc Hons QTS)

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Languages provision**

We have been extremely fortunate over recent years to have had Senora Merry, one of our Teaching Assistants, teaching Spanish across both Key Stages 1 and 2. However, Senora Merry has chosen to take a different career path (albeit still with us here at Ivy Lane) and therefore our languages provision will be changing.

The National Curriculum states that the teaching of a foreign language is statutory in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6), therefore, Ivy Lane teaching staff will continue to teach both Spanish and French to these year groups.

Languages will no longer be taught as a single lesson in Key Stage 1 (Year 1-2), which is in line with National Curriculum guidelines. Nonetheless, we have always valued the importance of learning a foreign language and developing our children's awareness of the world around them. Through our wider curriculum there will continue to be many opportunities for children to learn about places, cultures and traditions from around the world and they will still be exposed to some foreign language learning through the international days that we often recognise throughout the school year.

May we take this opportunity to thank Senora Merry for her dedication to teaching Spanish over the years and wish her luck in her new adventure.

Yours sincerely

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