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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

My name is Lauren Bagridge and I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's next class teacher in Year 6.

I am thrilled to be joining the team at New Valley, after teaching at a British International Primary School in Bangkok, Thailand for the last three years. Prior to this, I taught for three years at another PACE Academy Trust school, where I taught Year 3 and Year 4.

During my time teaching in Thailand, I taught two years in Year 5 and for my final year, I taught in Year 6 where I successfully supported the children with their SATS tests and transition to secondary school. I am really pleased to be teaching Year 6 again. I know the Upper Key Stage 2 curriculum well and I am well placed to support the children in building on their progress and preparing them for secondary school. I hope your children are ready and excited to be starting their final year at New Valley.

Your children are now at the final stage of their time at primary school, preparing to move on to secondary school. While we will continue to focus on their learning in English, Maths and across the wider curriculum, their wellbeing remains our top priority. We'll be placing a strong emphasis on developing their resilience, independence and confidence they need to be ready for the next chapter in their lives.

The children have already visited their new Year 6 classroom and, next Wednesday, they will spend the morning with me so we can begin to get to know one another. I'll also be meeting with Mrs Campbell, their current teacher, to gain a clear understanding of each child's strengths, achievements and areas for development. To help them feel more prepared, we're also arranging for some of our current Year 6 pupils to speak with the class to answer questions share their experiences of what to expect in their final year of primary school.

I believe that strong communication between home and school is essential for a successful and supportive year, and I'm really looking forward to working closely with you over the coming year to ensure the children are happy and supported. This will start next week, when you are invited to a short 'Meet the Teacher' session after school on Wednesday 16th July (3.20-3.50, repeated 3.55-4.25 in case you have children in different year groups) when you will have a chance to hear a bit more about what to expect from September. There is no need to book, just come along to the Y5 classroom.



I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children better and to start to a fantastic year in Year 6 together!

Yours,

Lauren Bagridge