



Dear Student

### **New Pastoral System**

I would firstly like to start by thanking the great number of you who contributed to the recent survey regarding the new House names. Well over half of the students in school gave suggestions for House names and it was clear that lots of you had given the matter some really serious thought and consideration. It is wonderful to see how engaged you are with the really positive changes in school.

After reviewing the student and staff surveys, our pastoral team selected the theme that came through most often. As such, I am pleased to announce the names of our Houses from September 2023 will be...

**Kites (The red House)**

**Kestrels (The green House)**

**Peregrines (The yellow House)**

**Buzzards (The blue House)**

As I am sure you already know, these are all birds of prey. The pastoral team chose these for the following reasons:

1. The most common suggestion by students and staff were birds/animals. We wanted to choose names that we popular with lots of our school community.
2. We wanted to choose names that had a link to our local area. All four birds chosen can be seen in Shepton Mallet and the surrounding villages. We felt that having House names that linked to our local area was really important.
3. We are a school that has a wonderful green site, large eco areas and a real love of wildlife and the environment. As such, we wanted to choose names that fitted with this approach.

Our House Leaders (Mr Grant, Miss Miell, Mrs Latham and Mr Cleave) have been working hard to create identities for each House, new values for their House and are now looking to work with lots of you to develop logos, songs, competitions, student leadership and much more! Please do get involved in the coming weeks and months as we take our school onto the even more exciting next stage of our journey.

I have included below a little more information about each House for your information.

	Kites	Kestrels	Peregrines	Buzzards
<b>House Leader</b> <b>(This person will lead your assemblies and will have overall responsibility for your care)</b>	Mrs Latham	Miss Miell	Mr Cleave	Mr Grant
<b>Deputy House Leader</b> <b>(This person will support you on a day-to-day basis. They will not teach and will always be available to help).</b>	Mrs Millward	Miss Powell	Mrs Evans	Mrs Langley
<b>Colour</b>	Red	Green	Yellow	Blue
<b>Values</b>	1. Strength 2. Dedication 3. Unity	1. Courage 2. Aspiration 3. Perseverance	1. Kindness 2. Pride 3. Brilliance	1. Resilience 2. Protection 3. Competitive

Finally, Ms. Gribbin has been working hard to make sure that the Aspire Groups are ready for September. You will be provided with your timetable in the final few days of the term, which will show you who your Aspire Lead is. Please be aware that you will not need to change uniform for next year, as you will stay in the House colour you are now. For example, if you are currently in the yellow House, you will remain in that colour next year and will become part of Mr Cleave's Peregrine House.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and see myself, Ms. Gribbin or one of the new House Leaders. We would be happy to talk to you.

Thank you again for your involvement in the new names and the creation of new Houses. It is an exciting time to build on our record exam results last year, our rapid growth in the number of students in school and our amazing inspection a year ago. Thank you for continuing to make us proud of you.

Yours faithfully



Mr Swallow