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Parents of children in Year 5/6

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Dear Parent(s),

As I am sure you are aware Mrs K Wood is expecting her first child soon. We are delighted for Mrs Wood but appreciate this creates uncertainty amongst parents until they know who will be teaching their child.

Mrs Wood still plans to work until Easter if she can, but we are looking to create continuity for the children to the next teacher particularly as it will be SATs Week for Year 6 shortly after returning from the Easter break. As we explained in November, Mrs V Cass and Mrs C Wood (who currently share a class) have agreed to work for longer and, along with Mrs K French and supporting staff, this will ensure all periods are covered.

It is expected Mrs C Wood will register Mrs K Wood's current class. Mrs V Cass will now register her class four days a week and Mrs French will remain unchanged. To help Year 6 have a smooth transition before SATs, Mrs Cass will begin teaching the majority of Year 6 for both Maths and English this term.

Teaching children here is a team effort and most children have three, four or even five different teachers a week – very much like secondary school will be. Working this way means children receive specific support from specialist teachers. Having Mrs C Wood (a talented musician) teach all Y5/6 music this year has been excellent preparation for Young Voices, Mrs C Blackburn (a qualified secondary PE teacher) will continue to teach PE on a Thursday and the Friday Curriculum Enrichment rotas will remain the same.

Working the way we have done this year has actually made covering for a maternity both easier and better for the children than it might otherwise have been. It is certainly less of a change for them as Mrs Cass and Mrs C Wood have already been teaching the children for much of the week.

We will continue to keep you informed as to arrangements as we near Easter and any changes to the Summer Term once Mrs Wood's maternity leave begins.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Fox
Headteacher

