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EYFS Staffing Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes in EYFS after Easter. As you may be aware, Mrs Hale and Mrs Lees, who usually job share teaching responsibility for F1 (nursery), are currently both on maternity (their babies were born just a month apart!). We are anticipating their return later in the Summer term. Mrs Purdy, who has been temporarily covering their maternity leave this term, will be leaving us at Easter. We would like to thank Mrs Purdy for working with us this term and wish her well in the future.

After Easter therefore, and until the return of Mrs Hale and Mrs Lees, Miss Pell will be moving across to F1 to work alongside Mrs Sung. Miss Pell is already very familiar with our F1 children, and as Leader of our EYFS unit is more than familiar with the daily routines and expectations. We therefore anticipate a very smooth transition.

In F2 after Easter, the staffing team will be joined by Mrs Wheelwright. Some of you will already know Mrs Wheelwright as she currently works in KS1. She has previously taught in our EYFS unit and we are pleased she will be spending the summer term in F2.

I fully appreciate that F1 have been subject to some staffing disruption this year, but would seek to reassure you that these will be the last changes before Mrs Hale and Mrs Lees return.

Finally, I would like to inform you that it is very unlikely that Mrs Purdy will be in school this week. Unfortunately, on Friday, she suffered a sudden close family bereavement and our thoughts are with her at this difficult time.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mrs Sanderson