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Dear Parents

In year changes Year 3 and Year 5

We always endeavour to keep the school year as constant as possible for the children and families. However there are times where this just isn't always possible and in such circumstances my aim is to minimise such changes and look to deploy staff in a way that will be most beneficial to the children.

Unfortunately just before half term Mrs Potter (Glennie teacher) became unwell and will now be off for what could be a substantial amount of time while she awaits an operation and then the following recovery time. This is anticipated to take us well into the summer term. This length of uncertainty is not good for anyone and therefore, with the support of the Chair of Governors, I have made the decision to move Mrs Hilton into Glennie, as the class teacher. Whilst Mrs Potter may be back to work before the end of the academic year, I will be asking Mrs Hilton to stay as Glennie teacher just so that both you and the children can settle to this idea.

This does of course have a knock on effect for the Year 3 children who are currently in Redgrave class with Mrs Hilton. Due to the small class sizes we have been able to move these children so that they will become either part of Farah or Simmonds with Miss Curtin and Miss Zeal. The class teachers, have already sat to look at Redgrave class to ensure that the children are moving into the class with friends and that they will feel as settled as possible with this change. Of course our door is always open to parents and we would want feedback as to how your child is settling following this move.

Year 3 and Year 5 reports will be issued as expected and parents evening will go ahead as planned. Please just bear in mind that the teachers will be getting themselves up to speed quickly on new children and for Mrs Hilton it will be 30 new children, although some will be very familiar to her from her Year 4 class last year.

We are also currently looking at a model of two classes for the Year 3 cohort moving into Year 4 in September 2020, so we would aim to have minimal changes for this year group as they enter Year 4.

Whilst change is not ideal, I do hope that you can see that we have taken such measures to ensure consistency and to refrain from the endless use of supply teachers. I would like to thank the teachers involved in this change for their willingness and ability to adapt, rise to the challenge and to support each other. And of course we send Mrs Potter our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and we look forward to having her back with us.

I thank you for your ongoing support and I hope your understanding over what has been an important decision to make.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Walker
Headteacher

