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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change to the Year 1 class teacher that will take effect from January, when the children return to school after the holiday.

During this Autumn term, Year 1 has been taught by Miss Kay, who has went above and beyond, supporting the childrens learning. However, due to the school being unable to sustain the long-term costs associated with full-time supply teaching, we have needed to review our staffing arrangements.

After careful consideration and with a focus on ensuring continuity, progression, and a secure long-term plan for the children, the Governing Body and I have agreed that Mrs Butler (previously Miss Sandelands) will take on the role of Year 1 class teacher from 7th January until the end of the academic year.

Mrs Butler has previous experience teaching the Year 1 curriculum and has excellent knowledge of the phonics and curriculum requirements. She has already been delivering daily phonics sessions in Year 1, and as a result, the children are familiar with her and have established positive relationships. They will continue to be supported by Mrs McCreddie each day, of whom the children are most familiar.

I fully appreciate that there has been some turbulence at the start of this academic year for your children, despite our best efforts to provide consistency. This decision was not taken lightly; however, we are confident that it will ensure continued progress, stability, and a solid educational experience for your child.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Douglas
Headteacher.

