



Headteacher: Mrs Lindsay Robertson BA (Hons) NPQH

12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

I am so pleased to see all of the children back in school as we have missed them when they have been remote learning and over the Easter break! Hopefully we will have a full term in school as we work towards the summer so that the children can get back into routine and spend time playing and learning with their friends.

Covid-19 has thrown some challenges at us this year and, as always, we have responded to government guidance to make sure that the risk assessments are robust and that we work within the guidance to make sure that the staff and children in school are as protected and as safe as they can be.

As you know, Miss Bexley is having a baby and her baby is due in June. We are absolutely delighted for her. Therefore, with the dangers of Coronavirus in mind, especially for pregnant staff members; I have decided to ask Miss Bexley to work from home until her baby is due. This decision has been made, in conjunction with governors, because I want to keep Miss Bexley and her baby as safe as I can and to do that, I need to limit her potential contact with Coronavirus as much as I can.

Miss Bexley will therefore be working from home for the next half term before starting her maternity leave in early June. Miss Caris will be the teacher in the class until the summer. Miss Caris is familiar to the children as she has worked in school for a while now. In this next half term, Miss Bexley and Miss Caris will be working closely to make sure that the children have exciting lessons planned so that they continue to make progress. Miss Bexley and Miss Caris have been in communication over the Easter holidays so that Miss Caris has a good understanding of the children's needs, abilities and personalities, as well as their next steps in learning. They will continue to speak regularly, to make sure that the transition runs smoothly for the children. Mrs Wharton continues to work in the classroom with the children and she is also familiar to the children as she supports them in their learning on a daily basis.

Miss Bexley is still available to speak to parents should you wish to contact her and she is planning the learning for the class as well as writing the children's end of year reports. Miss Caris will deliver the learning and assess this to demonstrate the progress the children have made across the term. She will be available at the start and end of each day to speak to parents if you have a question and can also be contacted via the office and messenger too.

I am sure that you will agree that this decision is in the best interests of the children, and Miss Bexley, and I am sure that the children will enjoy having Miss Caris as their teacher. I am sure that you join me in wishing Miss Bexley a smooth end to her pregnancy and we look forward to meeting the new arrival.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Robertson

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