



Principal: Mrs C. Roberts



Tuesday 1st December, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share some important information with you today as one or two eagle eyed parents may well have noticed – Mrs Lockhart is pregnant! Obviously we are delighted that her little family will be increasing and Lottie will have a sibling. Our congratulations to them all.

On a practical note, in this mad world of COVID-19, what this means is that sadly Mrs Lockhart will not be allowed to be face to face with her class or on site with all the adults following our Christmas holidays. However, I'm pleased to say she will still be around virtually and working from home until towards the end of March when baby is due. We have been working hard to come up with a practical and safe solution to covering her absence both up to her maternity leave starting in March and for the rest of the academic year as at present Mrs Lockhart is not anticipating coming back to school until after the start of the new school year.

We are delighted to be able to inform parents that Mr Edwards, who has been working with all our intervention groups across the school since September, has agreed to stay on and remain with us for the rest of the academic year. Initially whilst Mrs Lockhart is working from home, he will be liaising very closely with her and they will be sharing planning and communication with yourselves as parents. The period from January to March will allow him plenty of time to ensure a very smooth and seamless transition at the end of March when he will take over full responsibility for the class for the rest of the year. As Mr Edwards is a Newly Qualified teacher he will have close supervision throughout his time with us and this will initially be done by Mrs Lockhart and I, and then later in the year Mrs Zuger and I will share this role in school.

I hope you agree that this is probably the best solution we could offer at this time. Mr Edwards will be using the last couple of weeks of this term around his intervention commitments to start to make preparations for January. The children are used to seeing Mr Edwards around school, he has had a great impact on other children through his intervention work and we are delighted to have him on board as a member of our team for the rest of the year, not to mention we are not having to introduce yet another new face or person to our school in the current climate of COVID -19 worries.

I am sure you would all wish to join me in congratulating Mr & Mrs Lockhart and Lottie on this exciting news and obviously we wish them well for the rest of the pregnancy.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Roberts
Principal

