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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term I am pleased to share that two members of staff will be returning from maternity leave next week. These returns mean that there will be a number of changes as staff take up their usual positions and staff covering maternity leave revert back to their usual teaching commitments. These changes will affect year 2 and what is currently Mrs Bowker's class.

Mrs Roberts returns to year 2 from her maternity leave on Monday 14th December. She will work alongside Mrs Byron during the week to get to know the children in her class ready to hit the ground running in January. I wish to thank Mrs Byron for her hard work this term and for giving the children in her class a good start following what has been a very unsettled year. Mrs Byron will return to her role as our cover teacher across the school so the children will be sure to see her each week.

Mrs Lucas returns to school as Inclusion lead and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Mrs Brooks has done a fantastic job of covering this role in Mrs Lucas' absence and I thank her for her hard work and dedication in ensuring the needs of our pupils with SEND are met. This means that she is now able to return to her three-day teaching role as she no longer requires release time to carry out the Acting SENCO role. Mrs Brooks will now class share with Mrs Bowker who temporarily increased her teaching commitment in order to support the school while we had two staff off on maternity leave. Mrs Brooks will teach the year 3/4 class Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Bowker will take over on Wednesday afternoon until Friday, meaning that teachers have time to ensure a smooth transition and hand-over.

As Mrs Lucas' role is mainly non-class based she will work alongside Mrs Gittus, teaching year 2 on a Friday when we return to school in January. While this provides Mrs Lucas with the time to carry out her role, it also provides plenty of opportunity for her to communicate with Mrs Gittus to ensure the needs of that class are met.

We warmly welcome the return of these staff members to both their teaching and leadership roles, further strengthening our capacity to meet the needs of all our children and contribute to further school improvement, even in these unprecedented times. Class teachers will be added to their new classes on Dojo to ensure you are able to remain in communication at all times.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs L. Lawrence
Acting Principal