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Dear Y3 Parents/Guardians

As promised in my previous letters, I am writing to update you on the teaching arrangements in Y3. Although Ms De'Ath's health is improving, she has taken the decision not to return to work in the teaching profession, and has sought employment in a different sector.

I am sure that you will join with me in sending your best wishes to Ms De'Ath and, as a school, we wish her every success in the future. School would also like to thank Ms De'Ath for all of her hard work and commitment during her time as our Year 3 teacher.

It is currently unclear as to when our Year 3 children will be returning to school, and until they are able to safely return, I will continue to assume the teaching responsibility for the class – writing their daily blog; setting work; giving feedback and liaising with them via Purple Mash. (This is something that I am really enjoying, as teaching is my first love and true passion. Y3 are also a special year group to me, as they started school in my first year as head teacher at St. Mary's, and we began our new learning journeys together.)

If the children return to school before the summer holidays, Mrs Hrabowskyj will take on the role as the full time Y3 teacher for the remainder of the academic year. Her priority will be to ensure that the children feel safe and happy coming to school, after a period of uncertainty, and that key gaps in learning are addressed, so that the children are as ready as possible for life in Year 4.

It has been a very different kind of year for all of our children and the new academic year will have to be carefully adapted in September to ensure that all of our children are able to transition happily into their new year groups. The curriculum will need to take into account any gaps in learning and teachers will possibly need to cover elements of the previous year's curriculum before moving on to the new curriculum.

As always, as a school, we will be guided by advice, from both the government and LA, as to how we move forward. Until further guidance is given, stay safe everyone and take care. If you do need any further support or clarity about the children's home learning, please do not hesitate to contact school. I am on site all week, this week, and the office is manned until lunchtime every day to take phone calls.

Kind Regards

Mrs Andrea Hymers
Headteacher

