

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Sycamore Class

You may remember that in September we informed parents that Mrs Ellison is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave at some point in the Spring term. School held an internal recruitment process to find a suitable candidate to backfill Mrs Ellison in her role as SENCo during her leave. I am writing to inform you that Mrs Beach was successful in applying for this position. Mrs Beach was a SENCo in her previous school and holds the national qualification for a SENCo. We are extremely lucky to have staff with such levels of knowledge and experience amongst our team and I am sure you will agree that Mrs Beach is perfect for the role.

The change in role will mean that Mrs Beach is out class for half the week to fulfil her SENCo responsibilities. We have undertaken an extensive recruitment process over the last term to identify the right teacher to work alongside Mrs Beach – the standards we were looking for were extremely high. I am very happy to inform you that we have now appointed Mrs Gately as joint class teacher from January.

Mrs Gately is a highly experienced teacher and has already started working closely with the class as part of a very thorough transition process. I know she will do an excellent job working in partnership with Mrs Beach as class teacher and we look forward to welcoming her officially to the Whitby Heath community from January.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you as always for your support.

Kind regards,



Mr S. Wright
Headteacher