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16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Foundation Stage – Staffing Update

In late March we wrote to you keeping you in the picture around staffing in the Foundation Stage with a promise to keep you in the picture as matters developed.

By way of update we are pleased to be able to share with you that following a recruitment process last week we have appointed a Foundation Stage teacher, Miss Lucy Jacob who will be joining us from September 2023. We are delighted that we feel we have been able to find someone who will bring value to the ethos and values of the team in the Foundation Stage and the school as a whole.

A further recruitment process is underway as we seek to find further positive additions to our team to join us in September or sooner, and we will keep you in the picture as this moves forward.

Sadly for us as a school we will be losing Miss Lofthouse at half term as she has made what we recognise as a difficult decision to step out of Haytor View and pursue her career goals through a role in the NHS. Having been an important part of our school team for nearly 4 years we will be sorry to say goodbye to Miss Lofthouse but share with her our gratitude for all that she has brought to the Foundation Stage Team. She takes with her our very best wishes for the future.

It goes without saying that we are already seeking to find a further Foundation Stage Practitioner to maintain our level of staffing in the Early Years and we hope to bring you news on this over the coming weeks. While we seek to recruit into the role that Miss Lofthouse is stepping away from, I can confirm that Miss Wopling, who currently supports provision during the lunch period in the Foundation Stage and Year 2 during the day, will join the Foundation Stage team throughout the whole day. The children's familiarity with Miss Wopling, as well as the skills that she brings, will provide a sense of continuity and connection for children over the coming weeks.

We will continue to keep you in the picture as matters progress with our Foundation Stage staffing - in the meantime should you require any clarification or have any questions please feel free to talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Head Teacher

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Foundation Stage Leader