



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear parent/carers,

RE: Year 1

I am writing to update you about the current situation in year 1. I am aware that there have been some concerns raised (via a parent group on social media) regarding the current arrangements for year 1 in the absence of Miss Blowers. Thank you for bringing these concerns to our attention so that we can resolve things or settle any concerns.

I can understand that you may have concerns but I would like to clarify the schools' position, plans and actions that have and are taking place, as Social Media can sometime lead to the sharing of misinformation.

Miss Blowers is currently off work and unfortunately will not be returning to Goldenhill. I know that this may be disappointing for some of you, but as I am sure you will appreciate, this is out of our hands. We wish Miss Blowers the very best of luck for the future.

In regards to the current situation, the following actions have and continue to take place, to support the children during this time and to minimise the disruption that has been caused:

- We have put Ms Clarke in year 1 as she is a familiar face for the pupils and a member of staff rather than a supply teacher.
- Miss Pitt (our Assistant Head and Key Stage 1 leader) is currently planning and resourcing the provision to ensure it is of the highest standard.
- Mrs Cookson (our Assistant Head and phonics lead) is planning and delivering daily Phonics for the class.
- The senior team are monitoring the provision and the behaviour of children.

I am very proud of how the children have adapted to the current situation and how they are continuing to receive a well-planned and delivered curriculum.

We are working hard to address this short-term issue and to resolve it as quickly as possible, but unfortunately, certain things are out of our hands. However, following a recruitment process, I am pleased to inform you that yesterday we successfully appointed an experienced teacher, Miss Hart, who will be joining Goldenhill as year 1 class teacher. We are working with Miss Harts current school to confirm her release date. Once I have this information regarding when Miss Hart can commence her duties at Goldenhill, I will let you know.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr. S Martin

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