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Executive Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal

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Dear Year 3 parents,

As you will be aware, Mr Channing remains off work with illness. Thank you for the messages of support; we will be sure to pass these on.

I am writing to inform you about our current plan for the class, who are our foremost priority. Whilst it is not ideal, we have been able to have some level of stability with Mrs Flint, who worked so well with the children last term. The children have been exceptionally resilient and have made super progress with her, which has been lovely to see. Sadly, Mrs Flint has decided to return to a supply role and we wish her all the best. As a result, we have an excellent teacher with us, Mr Slaney, who the children have met this week. We are hoping he will stay with us for the duration of Mr Channing's illness to provide the consistency and stability our children need.

I am sure that you understand this is not where we wish to be, however we are doing our very best to manage the cover for Mr Channing in as consistent a way as possible.

I am mindful also that, as parents, you have not had the opportunity to access the usual school offer of a parents evening in the Spring term. There will be an opportunity to come and meet Mr Slaney to 'drop in' on a Class 3 open evening after half term. Further information will follow. We will also summarise your child's current academic attainment in order to inform you of this.

Thank you to those of you, who have made contact already to speak to me about any worries you have, and the positives too! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything concerning your child or the school. I am always happy to chat on the playground and at the gates at the start and end of the day, or by appointment should you wish.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Atwal

Executive Headteacher