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Dear Parents/Carers

## Staffing Changes in Nursery

I am writing to let you know of a staffing change in Nursery. While it is rare that we have to alter staffing once a school year has started, we have taken the opportunity to strengthen staffing in several areas of the school in light of the closure of our Primary Support Base (Hub) which I wrote to parents / carers about last week.

With The Base closure, several staff were released back to Mowbray which gave the opportunity to increase support in the mainstream school and deploy additional staff to Nursery. As such, Mrs Drysdale has moved across to add support to Year 3 and 4 where we were significantly understaffed and Mrs Towers, who was the teacher in the Primary Support Base, has moved into Nursery Mondays to Wednesdays with Miss Lawton from Wednesdays to Fridays. Miss Butler remains in Nursery. The staff moving into Nursery will continue to develop our provision which was started last year under the Leadership of Miss Ewart as Early Years Lead and Mrs Drysdale will be using her experience to support individual children, groups of children and classes across lower Key Stage 2.

While we had to assess the pros and cons of moving staff after the start of the year, I am sure you would agree that we should take every opportunity to support as many children as we can with the resources that we have available. This opportunity has allowed us to add another 30+ hours of support each week into Key Stage 2 while adding extra expertise and hours into our Nursery Unit.

Yours sincerely

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