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Dear Parents

Firstly, let me apologise for how long it has taken to write to you formally about your child's teacher for next year. We have had two separate plans in place for 3C and both have fallen through just as I was about to inform you. We had two teachers agree to the job only for them to change their minds a few days later. It has been incredibly difficult to recruit staff this year for many schools in Guildford, not just us, and we have tried to balance the options we have available with the needs of 3C.

I am now able to confirm that 3C will have a job share for at least the first term next year. We will continue to recruit during the Autumn term for a permanent teacher for the class with the plan for them to take over in January 2015. Obviously we cannot guarantee this will happen but I can assure you all that we will do everything in our power to make an appointment as quickly as possible.

We are lucky to have two outstanding teachers to share teaching 3C next year. Mr Day will work in a job share with Megan Clark and will do 3 days a week with Mrs Clark doing the other 2 days. Both teachers are very experienced and have taught this year group before. They will form part of the Year 4 team alongside Mrs Kearns and Miss Whitaker who will also be staying in the year group.

Although this situation is not ideal, we feel it is the best way forward for 3C. Mrs Clark has worked in the school for a while and knows a lot of the children already. Knowing it was likely we would have a job share, we asked Mrs Clark to take 3C for their first transition day and she will also take the class for the final transition day this Wednesday. Mr Day will also be in with 3C for half of that day.

As I have stated, we appreciate that this is not an ideal situation but also feel that Mr Day and Mrs Clark will form an excellent team.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

Many thanks for your continued support

Roger Blackburn

Headteacher

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