

Graham James Primary Academy

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Dear Parents

As you are aware, Miss Skinner is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave after Christmas. Alongside this, Ms Shaw will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a position at a local secondary school.

As Head Teacher I have to ensure that all the children in the School have access to the highest quality education and their welfare is paramount. When faced with the prospect of taking on new members of staff, I have to ensure that I am able to employ high quality teachers. Fortunately I have been able to secure 2 new members of the teaching staff. Mrs Victoria Harrison, will be joining Mrs Akehurst in 3AS and Mrs Rebecca Wilkinson, who will be class teacher in 3CS. Both teachers have considerable experience and will bring a wealth of ideas and enthusiasm with them.

Both new members of Staff have managed to visit and met with the teachers and support staff in Year 3. Staff at Graham James are extremely supportive of one another and of new teachers which enables transitions such as this to be smooth and I am confident that the children will continue to thrive. The teachers and support staff will ensure our new teachers have all the information they need to ensure the children start the new term in a positive way and continue throughout the academic year as such.

Thank you for your continued support of our Academy and your wonderful children.

Yours sincerely

Petra Back
Head Teacher