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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you all this week to discuss our concerns about staffing in Year Two.

I have spoken with some parents and carers over the last few weeks, and I fully understand your worries regarding a lack of consistency for the children. I appreciate that staffing in Year 2 this year has been both frustrating and challenging.

I am incredibly sorry about this - In fact, I am also just as frustrated as the parents and dearly want for the children at Longmeadow to get the best possible start in life.

Miss Nelson (the class Teaching Assistant) has been in with the children each day, so there has at least been some level of consistency for them; members of the senior leadership team have also been in the classroom several times this term as well, to support with the children's behaviour and the good running of the class.

Ms Laflin (Deputy Headteacher in charge of the infants) has also supported the class with changing reading books and ensuring the room is both tidy and well organised.

Sadly though, for reasons that I cannot go into here, we have come to a mutual understanding with Mrs McHugh that she will not be coming back to teach at Longmeadow.

Mrs Lay, who has been in this week, will teach the class until further notice and the school is running an advert to find a permanent replacement. We thank Mrs Lay for her support and hard work with the class.

Again, I am incredibly sorry about this – but I do feel that this decision is in the best interests of the children as they need consistency in order to thrive.

Thank you so much for your understanding with this difficult situation.

I will write to you all in due course, as the situation develops.

Kind regards,

Mr Toby Mills-Bishop
Executive Headteacher