

Springfield Primary School

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Thursday 9th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Teacher Absence Update – IB

Following on from my previous letter I am pleased to be able to provide you with an update in respect to Mrs Skelding and the arrangements for her phased return to teaching IB from tomorrow. For the remaining two weeks before the half term holiday Mrs Skelding will also be in school for 3 days a week on a Monday, Wednesday & Friday with Mrs Peters teaching the class on a Tuesday & Thursday for continuity. I am sure that you will understand this is a positive arrangement for both Mrs Skelding & the children to ensure some consistency in the new half term.

Mrs Skelding really wants to meet with you all for your parent consultation appointments, but we have decided to postpone these meetings from next week and you will be invited to book a new appointment. We sincerely apologise for this, but given Mrs Skelding has not taught or seen your child in the last 3 weeks, we felt moving the meetings forward to after the half term would ensure the meetings would truly reflect up to date knowledge and observations of your child. The new appointments will again be available to book from Primary Site, and you should receive an email invite to book an appointment which will be available on Monday 10th November, Tuesday 11th November & Wednesday 12th November 2025.

Once again, we do apologise for the disruption to the start of your child's academic year, but we have tried extremely hard to ensure consistency in staffing during this period. Mrs Willetts the KSI leader and parallel teacher in the other year 1 class has been supporting Mrs Peters, providing the planning and ensuring teaching & learning is where it should be and this will continue.

As always if you have any further questions please contact Mrs Willetts or myself and I thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Alison Bhardwaj

Headteacher

Be the best you can be.

Respect, Resilience, Reflection and Empathy.



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