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Dear Children and Parents of Class 1

I am thrilled to be able to share some very exciting news with you all; Mrs O'Donnell and her husband are expecting their first baby in February next year. I know you will all be very eager to offer your congratulations to them.

Mrs O'Donnell was desperate to work right up to her due date but unfortunately the current situation with COVID-19 means this is not possible. We are following government guidance and because we cannot guarantee social distancing to protect Mrs O'Donnell at this time, she will not be able to continue as Class 1's teacher. Whilst I appreciate you may feel disappointed about this, I know you will understand and respect the difficult decision we have had to make.

So as Mrs O'Donnell prepares to welcome a new baby in to her family, you too will be welcoming someone new into our Reception family. I would officially like to welcome Miss Redfern. Miss Redfern will be ready to welcome you in to class on Monday 23rd November and she is very well prepared to take over. There has been a thorough handover about all of the children as well as routines in the classroom. Everything will continue as normal and I fully expect the transition to go very smoothly. Later today, Mrs O'Donnell will upload a video on to Tapestry where Miss Redfern introduces herself. Please share this with your child so that they know who to expect to greet them on Monday morning.

I know that Mrs O'Donnell is very sad to be having to say goodbye to the wonderful children of Class 1 but we know that they will continue to shine.

What an exciting time for all of us! Thank you for all that you do and for welcoming such an excellent teacher with open arms in to our classroom community.

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

Kind regards

Mrs J Cutbush
Headteacher

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs J. Taylor & Mrs S. Clamp

