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Dear Parent/Carer,

Staffing changes for after Easter

I am writing to share with you some staffing changes that will take effect for the Summer Term following the Easter holidays.

Mrs Scott

We previously shared the lovely news that Mrs Scott is due to have her new baby in May and has made the decision to take time out of teaching to focus on her family. She will be leaving us at Easter to prepare for her new arrival.

Mr Hubbard and Mrs Powley

Mr Hubbard, our Year 3 teacher and Mrs Powley, our Year 6 teacher, have both decided to embark upon a new pathway within education, and have both recently secured new roles working with secondary aged children. They will leave us at Easter to start their new roles.

On behalf of the staff, children and governors I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hubbard, Mrs Scott and Mrs Powley for their hard work and dedication to Our Lady of Lourdes. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Future staffing arrangements

In Years 3 and 5, new full-time teachers have been appointed, on a fixed-term basis, until the end of the Summer Term and a thorough hand over will take place before Easter to ensure pupils have a smooth transition.

Our Year 6 children will work with Mrs Wright and other known school staff leading up to SATs and for the remainder of the Summer Term. Their timetable will be complimented by working with external specialists, covering some foundation subjects. This approach has proven positive in the past to prepare our pupils for transition into secondary school.

I am confident that the staffing structure, that we have put in place for after Easter, will enable our children to continue to thrive and become the best that they can be.

New, permanent teachers will start in September, when we will also welcome back Mr McPhail to our teaching staff.

As always, I thank you in advance for your on-going support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Executive Headteacher