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Tuesday 7th November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: teaching arrangements for classes 3SC, 4TT and 6SN

I am writing to let you know of some changes to planned teaching arrangements within your child's class.

I am delighted that we have arranged for Miss Cade to extend her supply contract and stay in class 3SC into the new year, at least until Easter 2018. I am sure you have been already, but please do liaise with Miss Cade as with any other member of staff – she is fully involved in all aspects of school life, planning and professional development and will continue to be focused on ensuring the very best for each and every pupil in her care. We are delighted with the commitment and energy she has brought to 3SC.

I am very sorry to announce that after many years of outstanding commitment and service to Riverside School, Mrs Needham is set to depart Riverside at the end of December. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well as she embarks on a life outside of Riverside (but probably still involving quite a lot of teaching, music and sport). It is never ideal to need to change teaching deployment during the academic year. However, we have worked hard to ensure a positive solution can be put in place for our pupils. From January, Mrs Thompson will move to teach in year 6 fulltime, with Mrs Tranter teaching 4TT for the full week. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Tranter have worked as a close partnership for many years now and we already have plans for a few class 'swaps' to ensure that each teacher can continue to teach to their absolute strengths against the timetable. Of course class 6SN are well known to Mrs Thompson and I have no doubt that they will continue to thrive under her care. During the next few weeks we will ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for Mrs Thompson to work in class 6SN, have planning and liaison meetings with Mrs Needham etc such as the transition to new arrangements is seamless. Mrs Cowler and Mrs Gore will of course be there to assist throughout.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of those staff named above for working to find positive solutions for all of our students through a period of change.

As ever, if you would like to discuss any of this further, please do get in contact via the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Ian Yapp'.

Ian Yapp
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