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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016,

Dear Year 4 parents,

I wrote to parents before Easter to explain that we were looking for a new teacher for the year 4 class. We were expecting Mr Joynes to start after Easter, but due to his DBS check (previously known as the CRB suitability check) not arriving in time, he was replaced by Miss Szelinski who we had hoped would be with us for the remainder of the year.

Unfortunately, Miss Szelinski is no longer able to continue working with us and we have been left with the difficult task of finding a replacement. Our priorities for the Year 4 class have been and will continue to be:

- 1) Children receive teaching that is good or even outstanding
- 2) Children have a consistent teacher who they feel happy to approach and work with
- 3) Children have as little disruption to their learning so that they can make good progress in Year 4

After a lot of prayers, meetings and observations, we have found a wonderful and inspiring teacher who will be with us moving forward. Miss Key has several years of experience and has just returned from travelling, looking for a post where she can finish the school year. Mrs. Frost and I watched her teach Year 3 this morning and I was so impressed, I had to join in myself! She will be a real asset to our team and has already planned lots of exciting activities for our children to do.

I understand that this will be concerning to parents; we have not managed to achieve the consistency that I had hoped for. However, I made a commitment to parents that the children's learning would not be compromised by having different teachers and I hope to reassure you that our internal monitoring and assessment processes mean that I can say with certainty that our children's learning has continued to be good. Furthermore, the handover of information to Miss Key will be smooth and the children's learning will continue to be developed to the high standard that I expect from staff at St. Peter's.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further and thank you for your continued support with this issue.

Best wishes,

Miss T. McNamara  
Headteacher