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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of some changes to the Year 5 teaching team that will be taking place after half term. As you know, when we consider staffing, we do our utmost to ensure consistency and stability for our children where possible. However, there are, at times, factors that change beyond our control and as such we have to adjust accordingly.

Miss McLaren has decided to reduce her time meaning she will no longer be working in Stingrays class. To still provide children in this class with the best education, Mrs Gilbert, who is due to return in mid-January and as many of you will know is a strong experienced teacher, will take over and aid the children on their learning journey. In the interim we welcome Mrs Claire Williams to the Year 5 team. She will be working every Thursday and Friday until Mrs Gilbert returns. Mrs Williams is familiar with our school and already knows some of the children having been in with us for supply. Mrs Rutherford will continue her normal working pattern with the class of Monday-Wednesday.

We endeavour to make the transitions as smooth as possible and appreciate your support at this time. Whilst change can be challenging, for our older children it is something we must prepare them for before they transfer to secondary school in the coming years.

The children have been informed this afternoon, and a handover will occur to ensure all necessary information is passed on.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to working together to best meet the needs of our pupils. We look forward to seeing everyone after the half term and look forward to a new term with a positive mindset.

Yours sincerely
The Eden Park Primary and Nursery Team

