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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write with the following staffing updates:

Mrs Dale is sadly leaving us on Friday this week, in the short time she has been with us, Mrs Dale has become very much a part of the Rye team and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her good luck as she leaves for pastures new.

Miss Turton is leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Turton joined us in September 2018, prior to this, she completed her teacher training practice with us. During Miss Turton's time with us, she has taught from year 3 up to year 6.

Mr Sanders is also leaving us at the end of this term, after two terms of teaching our wonderful Dolphins, to go back to his original career as a supply teacher.

We would like to thank these staff for their service throughout their time with us, whether long or short. We know that they have positively influenced the lives of children and families and have shaped children on their path to leading a happy and fulfilling life.

We wish you all every happiness and success in the future.

We have been able to recruit a highly experienced full-time teacher for Dolphins class from 15th April. Mrs McLaughlin has previously held senior leadership positions in Education, working for schools and Multi Academy Trusts and holding the position of Deputy Headteacher.

You will receive a little more information from Mrs McLaughlin over the next few days and I am sure you will welcome her into the Rye Primary Family. Mrs McLaughlin will also be taking over whole school responsibility for Maths and we are very excited to be able to utilise her significant skills and experience in this area.

We are still actively seeking a replacement teacher for Barracudas class on a Thursday and a Friday. We will update you as soon as we have more information on this. In the meantime, we can reassure you that until we find the right teacher to take over on a permanent basis, we are working with our regular supply agencies to ensure that Barracudas class have the best support possible through a combination of our existing staff, who know our children and families well, and the supply agencies to provide additional capacity when needed.

We all know that change can be unsettling and we ask for your support in speaking positively with your children about the staffing changes. We do find that children often adapt quicker than we do as adults!

As always, please do contact me if you wish to discuss any of these matters further.

Kind regards,

Miss Martin

Headteacher