

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Teaching staff in Birch Class

I am writing to you regarding the return to school for all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, when the children in Birch class return, Mr. Hull will remain shielding at home. This will be for at least the rest of the academic term. We are disappointed in this news; however, Mr. Hull has to follow shielding guidance and keep himself safe and well due to his medical condition. We do not know when people in the shielding category will be allowed to return to the workplace, but will keep you updated if anything changes.

Mrs. Herbaut, in this interim period, will remain teaching Birch Class on a full-time basis. She knows the children very well, having taught them all since early November. As the Assistant Headteacher of Roebuck Academy, I remain confident that she will provide the children with an excellent education until Mr. Hull is able to return safely. Mrs. Herbaut and Mr. Hull will speak to the children in Birch class on Wednesday afternoon regarding his absence in a child-friendly manner. This will be for both children at home, as well as those in school. This is so that children feel confident in their return. This session will be scheduled on Google Classroom for approx. 2pm.

While Mr. Hull remains shielding, he will continue to work from home. We will ensure that he continues to have daily contact with Birch Class through the use of Google Classroom as he can remote into school, just like at present.

We will keep you updated if any shielding advice changes for Mr. Hull. In the meantime, please continue to follow our usual school policies and procedures and speak to either Mrs. Herbaut, or email the school office / Year 2 email address, if you wish for a message to be relayed to Mr. Hull.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

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