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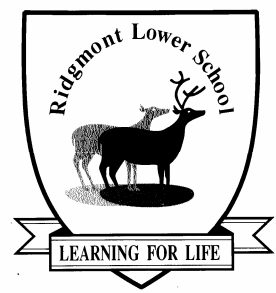
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Dear Parents

I would not normally inform parents of staff changes until the week of our 'Shuffle Day' (Wednesday 7th July). This is the day year 4 children visit their new schools and our children spend the day in their new classes with their new teachers and support assistants. This is also after the new class teacher interview process, which is due to take place during the week beginning 28th June, when I will be in a position to invite the newly appointed class teacher to come into school to spend 'Shuffle Day' with the new class and meet with parents.

However, I have been made aware that some parents have concerns about changes. As a parent myself, I am very aware that when you build a good relationship with a particular member of staff and have been pleased with your child's progress it is often unsettling to think about change.

I can confirm to you that I have asked Mrs Spearing to return to teaching in class 3, where she taught last year when she first joined the staff at the school. I am keen to replace Mrs White with an experienced teacher, who has developed strong bonds with parents and who knows our children well.

As a school we are very proud of the high levels of experience and aspirations of our teaching and support staff and their flexibility in developing their own and their colleague's professional development.

From a management point of view it is part of my responsibility to ensure that all of my staff have professional development opportunities available to them, for example, working with different age groups within the primary age phase and/or being released from school to further their own careers and to bring back to the school additional skills to enhance your children's education.

Please be assured that at all times I make staffing decisions with the needs of your children and their education as my first priority and with due consideration for the continued high levels of staff development that we have always offered at Ridgmont Lower School.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Clark
Headteacher.