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Dear Parents and Carers of Hepworth Class,

A number of you have been asking us about the arrangements for Hepworth Class after the Christmas holiday. Ms Forde has done some fantastic work with the children this term and we would like to thank her for helping us out. But as many of you already know, she is not able to continue as Hepworth's class teacher in January.

In the current climate, it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit good teachers. We have been working with a recruitment agency and many supply teacher agencies to try to secure a good teacher for Hepworth Class. We have been through three rounds of recruitment, looked at dozens of CVs and interviewed four teachers this term. But so far we have not found a teacher who we think is good enough to teach your children.

I know it's not what you want to hear but I'm afraid that, at the moment, we do not know who will be taking Hepworth Class after the holiday. We are continuing to work with the various agencies and have been in contact with other schools to see if they can help out. We do have staff within the school who we can redeploy if needed, but we are hopeful that we will find a solution soon.

We will of course let you know as soon as we have more information. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher

