



Tuesday 6 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1 Staffing update

As you are already aware, Miss Stewart is expecting her baby at the end of July. She had planned to start her maternity leave at the beginning of July. However due to health reasons she has been advised to bring this date forward. Mum and her unborn baby are both doing well, but now need to rest to ensure that this continues to be the case. Therefore, Miss Stewart's last working day will be this Friday, 9 June. We are sure you will join me and the staff in wishing her well in the coming weeks and months.

In February, Miss Stewart shared her news, regarding her pregnancy, with the Senior Leadership at Greenway and since that time we have been advertising for a 'maternity cover' position. We have tried all the avenues we usually use and know that circulation is wide but no-one has applied. That is a unique position for us and sadly one that is shared with the other schools locally and across the country, confirming quite how difficult recruiting has become in the teaching profession. Governors are fully aware of this situation.

I had planned to share Miss Stewart's news in taking her maternity leave early with you sooner, but had also wanted to be in a position to share information about her replacement. Sadly, a maternity cover for Year 1 class is still not secure and although I am continuing to pull out all the stops to find the right person, I can't delay updating you any longer.

Please be reassured that we are doing all we can to recruit for this position and once I am able to share with you our plans – I will. Mr Lewis and Mrs Cullen will remain with the Year 1 class until the end of the year.

Regards
Katharine Ellwood

