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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following interviews held at the end of last term for the Nursery Teacher/Manager and Deputy Manager roles, I'm delighted to share some exciting staffing updates.

Mrs Becki Stafford, a qualified teacher, has been appointed and will be working in Duck Class on **Thursdays and Fridays** throughout the summer term. Becki is currently based in the Nursery/Reception class at Draycott and Rodney Stoke Church of England First School, and from **September**, she will be increasing her hours with us.

To ensure full coverage of the Nursery Teacher/Manager role across the week, **Mr Adrian Atkins**, also a qualified teacher and former EYFS lead, will be joining us on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays** for the summer term.

I'm also pleased to announce that **Mrs Charlotte Isaac** has been appointed **Acting Deputy Manager** of Duck Class while Rhiannon is on maternity leave. We've successfully arranged experienced Early Years Practitioners (EYPs) to cover Rhiannon's hours:

- **Mrs Laura Wall** will work **two days per week**. Laura is already familiar to many of you, having previously worked in the Nursery as well as in the breakfast and after-school club.
- **Mrs Nikki Latimer**, from Weare Academy's pre-school, will join us on **Tuesdays**. Nikki has also supported Duck Class before.
- **Miss Sarah Lloyd** will be working in the Nursery on **Mondays** throughout the summer term in addition to her usual working days

I'm really pleased to have such experienced and familiar staff supporting the children and taking the Nursery forward this term.

As I've mentioned before, recruitment for Early Years staff continues to be a national challenge, and we've certainly felt this locally. Limiting wraparound care to 3- and 4-year-olds was not a decision we wanted to make, and we are hopeful this can be addressed in time. We are also keen to **reintroduce holiday provision** as soon as staffing allows. This depends on having high-quality, available staff in place. If you know of anyone experienced and interested in working with us, please encourage them to get in touch.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to a member of the Duck Class team or contact me directly.

Warm regards,

Mrs Shelley Kent

Headteacher



