

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Mrs Ives

Dear Year 1 Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you all of the happy news that Mrs Ives is expecting a baby mid-September.

At this current time, Mrs Ives intends on starting her maternity leave at the beginning of September so this will not affect the teaching of the class this academic year if this happens. However, I wanted to keep you fully updated as the current advice is that from 28 weeks, pregnant women are non class-based due to the elevated Covid-19 risk for them. Whilst we will be encouraging the children to social distance as much as possible, we cannot guarantee this so the guidance is that we find a different role for Mrs Ives in the meantime.

Mrs Ives remains hopeful that as the Covid situation continues to improve, it will mean that the advice changes and she is able to remain with Year 1 until the end of the academic year. We will await further government guidance on this and keep you updated should we need to make some changes to the current provision. If Mrs Ives is confirmed unable to work with the class, this would take place from 21st June for the final 4 weeks of term on Thursdays/Fridays.

Obviously, we hope that Mrs Ives is able to remain with Year 1 until the end of the academic year but if this isn't able to happen, we will endeavour to provide a smooth and seamless transition by appointing a teacher who is known to the children.

I'm sure you will want to join us in sending Mrs Ives and her partner our very best wishes.

In the meantime, please know that current class arrangements will continue as they have done since September and we will notify you of any further updates in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

