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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Squirrel Class,

I hope this letter finds you, the children and the rest of your families safe and well.

I had started to write this letter earlier this week, to let you know the plans for covering Ms Choudhury's maternity leave when she goes off on the 20th of this month. However, things don't always go to plan when having babies and Ms Choudhury contacted me last night to say that her doctors have decided her baby needs to be born earlier than planned and she was in hospital. I know you will all join me in wishing her a safe delivery and we look forward to some baby news, and photos, very soon.

Ms Choudhury was planning to make a short video saying her goodbyes to the class before she left, she will still do this when she is ready and her and the baby have had a some time together.

Cover for the class had already been planned as a job share between Ms Jehal, a very experienced Y1 teacher who has already been working with squirrel class children this year, and Ms Collier, also an experienced teacher who is herself returning from maternity leave and due back on the 18th of May. The children may remember Ms Collier as she was our afternoon music teacher, as well as morning y2 teacher, and will have taught Squirrel children music when they were in reception. Until Ms Collier returns Ms Jehal will be the contact for the class.

I have spoken to Ms Jehal this morning to let her know that her role covering the class is starting today and she is now busy finalising all the things that she needs to do to take over. She will be working to finish getting dojo set up and to take over phone calls from next week. Please bear with us while we manage this handover and Ms Jehal gets all the relevant information etc sorted.

Ms Collier and Ms Jehal will also be making short introduction videos so the children can see their faces and know who they are. If there is any further information pertaining to the teaching or learning of squirrel class either I, or Ms Jehal, will be in touch with an update.

In the meantime we wish you all a pleasant long bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Harris
Deputy Headteacher