

St Martin's School

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Dear parent/guardian

I am writing to update you on the current situation in science whereby we have two members of staff who are on maternity leave and one member of staff who has become ill and has resigned as a result

As a result of the above circumstances, we have had several supply teachers from agencies employed on daily contracts. Although, we have managed this situation to the best of our abilities, the quality of teaching and classroom management has not been to the usual standards that are evident across all other areas of the school.

Fortunately, with the support of the governors we have been able to advertise and appoint permanent members of staff to fill these vacancies.

The new appointments who will start with us after Christmas, are highly experienced individuals, who have had strong track records within their current schools of achieving outstanding results.

The exam classes will be taught where possible by other members of the faculty and an experienced science supply teacher has also been recruited and will be with us until January. Digital resources have also been purchased which will allow the learners to work independently at home. When at full strength the faculty will be running a number of revision sessions afterschool, which will help the learner's address any gaps in their learning.

I would ask that you speak to your child and request that they work in the usual manner that they would for their other teachers whilst being taught by the supply teachers and until these new appointments join us.

I thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Kind regards

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Mrs K Powell & Mr M Castle

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