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Dear Parents / Carers,

24th October 2024

I am writing to let you know that unfortunately Miss Cross will not be returning to St. Edmund's after half-term. She has made the incredibly difficult decision to step away from teaching in order to spend more time with her young son, Luca.

I appreciate that this is disappointing news and coming so soon into the new academic year. Unfortunately, events like this cannot be predicted and we have done our best to support both the children in Topaz and Miss Cross throughout the last week.

I am however pleased to let you know that Mrs. Jane Woodhams will be teaching Topaz from the start of Term 2 until the end of the academic year. Whilst new to the school, Mrs. Woodhams is not new to teaching and has been in education for the past twenty years. She has taught in Reception, Key Stage 1 and lower Key Stage 2 and joins us after 18 years at her previous school.

Mrs. Woodhams brings a wealth of knowledge and excitement with her and I know is really looking forward to working with you as parents and your children.

Whilst change is never easy, children are very resilient and I am sure that with the support of Mrs. Stoneham and the rest of the staff team at St. Edmund's, Topaz will continue to let their light shine.

There will be an opportunity to meet Mrs. Woodhams on the first Monday after half-term at drop off, when the classroom door will be open for you to come in and say hello.

I am available on Dojo, e-mail (bhulme@compassfederation.com) or on the telephone tomorrow should any parent wish to speak to me regarding this.

Ben Hulme
Executive Headteacher

St. Edmund's is a welcoming and nurturing environment, where each individual is supported to develop morally, spiritually, socially, culturally and academically. Our extended community, through our Christian values of Love, Courage, Trust and Respect encourage each other in faith to 'Let your light shine.' (Matthew 5).