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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to share the news that Mrs Whitwam will be leaving Bowling Green Academy after the Easter holidays. She has been successful in her application to become a SENCO and Key Stage 2 teacher in another authority, and we are delighted for her. Mrs Whitwam has been at Bowling Green for over ten years and is known for her infectious personality and caring nature.

Mrs Whitwam has two roles at Bowling Green. The first is her class teacher role. I know that this news may be met with some concern from Reception parents particularly. As a school, we are very keen to recruit someone who is experienced and passionate about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We know that a great start to school life is key for successful later years in school and beyond. You will see a job advert going 'live' soon and I will keep you updated about our recruitment. We are hoping that Mrs Whitwam will be able to complete a detailed 'handover' with the class' newly appointed teacher, and I will continue teaching the class after Easter, too. That - plus the stability from Miss Clegg and Mrs Inwood - will help support children to maintain their fantastic pace of learning in all areas, including academic and social development.

The second role for us to fill is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) role of supporting and monitoring the provision of children with special educational needs. I will be taking over this role with experience from my previous school as Deputy Headteacher and SENCO. I aim to consult with the relevant parents in school about what we are doing well for our pupils under this remit and what we can do to improve even further.

On a personal level, I have known Mrs Whitwam for a long time through us both being SENCOs in our respective schools. She will be missed by myself and all here, and I know that the decision to leave has been a tough and emotional one. We are all keen to make this a fantastic term for our children and Mrs Whitwam as we say our goodbyes – equally excited for her new job in a larger school and sad to see her leave.

I thank you for your understanding with this, and please know that our Senior Leadership Team and I are determined that our Reception class and all our children will have a brilliant year.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Stuttard,
Principal