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An Important SEND/Staffing Update

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that this letter reaches you all safe and well and that you all managed to have a lovely, relaxing Easter break. I want to take this opportunity to provide an important update about our new arrangements for supporting pupils with SEND.

Mrs Findell has taken the difficult decision to hand over the SENCO role, having given it her all for the past nine years. As you can well imagine, it is such a demanding position and Mrs Findell felt that the time was right to pass the role on to someone new. Don't panic, she is not leaving Florence Melly - just moving to another role, supporting our children with additional needs as a specialist SEND teacher. Her skills and expertise will undoubtedly prove to be very useful in her new position. I would like to thank Mrs Findell for all of her hard work as SENCO and I know that she has helped guide and support hundreds of families during her time in this position at our school. For many of you, she has been a listening ear when you've needed it most, a shoulder to cry on and a real driver in improving the outcomes for our SEND pupils. I am delighted that she will continue to be part of our SEND team and add real value to this vital area of school life.

On that note, I would like to introduce our new Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion (and SEND), Mrs O'Keefe. Mrs O'Keefe joins us having successfully led SEND and Inclusion in another Liverpool school for many years. We are absolutely delighted to be welcoming her to the Flo Melly family and we are confident that she will continue to build on the the great foundations laid by Mrs Findell - making our provision for all pupils the best it possibly can be! Mrs O'Keefe will join our Senior Leadership Team alongside our two other Assistant Headteachers Mr Baillie and Miss Bear.

Lastly, we will be holding a coffee afternoon next Thursday (5th May 2022) and Mrs O'Keefe will be present to meet any parents/carers who attend. It would be great if you could come along, introduce yourselves and have a chat with her about how best she can support you and your child!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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