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Staffing Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your attendance at our recent 'meet the teacher' appointments, it was great to have so many parents/carers in school discussing how your children have settled into the new academic year.

I'm writing to provide you with a brief staffing update following the appointment of some new members of staff as well as the sad news of a member of staff leaving us.

After the October half term, we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Barnes** who has worked at Aston Hall for many years. Mrs Barnes has worked as a teaching assistant in school, but more recently, particularly during / after the pandemic and since I joined the school, has taken on a key role with supporting pupil's and families with SEMH needs. This area of work has always been of great interest to Mrs Barnes, and she leaves us after being successful in being appointed by the council within their Early Help department. I know this wasn't an easy decision for Mrs Barnes to make and she'll be greatly missed by all the staff, pupils and school community. We'll still see her in school due to her daughter's attending with us.

As you might expect / may have seen, we are currently advertising for a replacement teaching assistant in school. We are also in the process of identifying a replacement to fulfil Mrs Barnes' SEMH leadership role in school, which we know is so important to our pupils and our community.

We also welcome to our team **Mrs Campbell** and **Mrs Lit** who join us as additional lunchtime supervisors working with our children each lunchtime.

In addition to this, we are also in the process of recruiting an additional member of staff to join our breakfast club team due to an increase in demand / numbers and also the recruitment for our after-school wrap-around care club will shortly be underway.

Thank you as always for your continued support, I can't believe we are nearly half way through the Autumn term already.

Many thanks,

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Mr S Holmes Headteacher

