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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of my absence from school for the next few months.

I have been waiting to have a surgical procedure for almost two years now. Whilst I have been well enough to be at work, it is a specific procedure that needs to be carried out for long term health reasons. It was scheduled for last year but postponed due to the COVID pandemic. Yesterday I received a date for this, with very little notice. This means that I will be absent from this afternoon possibly for the remainder of the term. I anticipate that I will fully return to work by September 2021.

The governors had a plan in place to cover my absence and this will now be implemented.

During this term, several senior colleagues from the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust have been supporting us with our school improvement work, funded by CYC local authority. They have got to know the school and the staff team very well. These colleagues will be covering my role in school for the rest of the term.

Miss Massey will be the Acting Head and will be in school Monday to Thursday. Mrs Powley and Mrs Davies will cover Fridays and will also be in school part of the week working with Miss Massey.

Miss Massey and Mrs Powley are both experienced headteachers. Mrs Davies is an experienced Deputy Headteacher, currently working at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School. Their photos are below.



Miss Massey



Mrs Powley



Mrs Davies

Miss Massey will be on the playground on Monday morning and you will be able to meet the rest of the team over the course of next week.

I am confident that the school is in very safe hands. This team are committed to supporting all the children at St Barnabas to be the best that they can be.

Ms Woolgar, KS2 leader, has a key role working with this team as she knows all the children in school very well. She will also take the role of school designated safeguarding lead. Ms Woolgar will also be on the playground on Monday and Tuesday morning if you have any questions.

This new arrangement will be in place from Monday morning. The team are keen to get to know parents and children so please do say hello on the playground.

I have told the children about my absence today.

If you have any questions for the governors about these arrangements please email stbarnabas@york.gov.uk marked FAO Chair of Governors.

I'm so sorry that is very short notice. I will miss everyone a lot but look forward to seeing you all when I am fully fit and well.

With best wishes

Miss K Boardman

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