

# GLENDALE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

## R1 Provision for the rest of the Summer term

I am writing to you with some exciting news for Mrs Hodgson, she is expecting a baby. In a 'normal' academic year, we would not be sharing this until later in the term, as she is not planning to start her maternity leave until the end of the summer term. We are working closely with HR and the DfE/PHE guidance around expectant mothers. Whilst many current restrictions due to COVID are being and are planned to be eased over the next couple of months, the restrictions around expectant mothers who are 28+ weeks are currently remaining the same. As things currently stand Mrs Hodgson will not be able to be in the classroom teaching from 8<sup>th</sup> June, as we as her employer cannot guarantee that she will not be within 2 metres of children and staff whilst in the classroom. Mrs Hodgson is desperately disappointed by this and is hopeful that this may be reviewed, meaning she might be able to return to the class to finish the academic year in the classroom with the children.

We have thought very carefully about how we can ensure that your children's education between 8<sup>th</sup> June and the end of term is not impacted on. For continuity and stability we are going to have Mrs Boyd who is Early Years trained to cover the class Monday to Wednesday, she knows the class really well being the Teaching Assistant in there. Mrs Hodgson will continue to plan for the learning and will meet with Mrs Boyd daily. We are looking at various ways that Mrs Hodgson and the children can still spend some time together for example Teams story times or weather permitting story times outside, where we can safely distance Mrs Hodgson from the children.

She will continue to be in school. I am sure you will join us in wishing her safe and well in the next few months of her pregnancy. I know she is crossing fingers, toes and everything that the guidance is changed.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Hodgson, Miss Greer – Early Years leader or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Hopkins - Headteacher