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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that Mrs Ridgway will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term as she will be relocating to Bahrain with her husband's job.

Harriet's departure will be a huge loss to our school community. This has been a very difficult decision for her to make. Her wonderful empathetic attitude and her nurturing approach has given great confidence to parents and pupils alike over the years. As a colleague and friend, the staff at the school have always regarded her as an excellent role model and have greatly valued her wisdom and advice. I have always felt hugely privileged that Harriet chose to return to teach at Bishop Wood after she had her children. As a child growing up, she was a Bishop Wood pupil and after she completed her teacher training qualifications she took up her first teaching post at this school. I know that the love for the Bishop Wood community is always going to be firmly engraved on her heart. Going to Bahrain will be a great adventure for the family and I have assured her that, should her life change direction, she will always be welcomed back to Bishop Wood with open arms. We all wish her well in her new life. The contribution she has made to this school has been outstanding.

I am very concerned to ensure that we employ a teacher of the highest possible quality but the governors and I will not be able to effect this change until September. I am outlining the arrangements that have been made for the summer term in a separate letter to parents of pupils in 3R.

I will keep you all updated on the progress of making a new permanent appointment to the team as soon as I can. You can help us by letting any friends, who are teachers, know of our vacancy. As the advertisement will be in the public domain very soon I felt as parents you would appreciate clear information about the situation.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L.A.Hardman

Headteacher

