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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a quick note to give some updates on staffing.

First of all, and most importantly, we would like to share the arrival of Miss Bates' son, Enzo, who arrived on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mother and baby are doing really well and Miss Bates is looking forward to the not too distant future when she (and Enzo) can sleep through the night! Finally, Miss Bates has slowed down and made her family the number one priority...but, of course, she keeps checking in with staff on how those children are doing in Willow!

Mrs Revell and Miss Stringer have done a brilliant job of taking on the role of Willow's class teachers. They have worked so well together to ensure that the learning and expectations are consistent across the week which helps the children to be calm and confident during their school time. I am very happy with the standard of education that the children continue to receive and I would like to thank them both for their commitment to our children.

We have had to make a few changes recently within the TA team due to staff absence and I am so thankful to everyone for pulling together. The children have not been affected by this due to the flexibility and effort by all staff and I am so appreciative of the amazing team that I work with. Some other faces from a local supply agency will be popping up on occasion to make sure we have the right number of people in place to meet all children's needs. Because we have such a selfless and caring staff group, our aim is that there will never be a barrier so great that we are prevented from doing our best for your children!

Finally, my last day at school for this term will be Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> as I will be having a planned operation on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Rest assured that the school will continue to run smoothly in my absence with Mr Price taking the lead in the day to day matters that need addressing. Staff have been well aware of this for some time and none of us have any concerns about how the last 2 and a bit weeks will be. In order to support Mr Price, some staff are working extra days to help out. Once again the Surfleet team are going to pull together for the good of the children and the wider community!

Thanks for your continued support and I will see you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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