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Dear Parents of Buzz Aldrin class,

We have had a very tricky few weeks in terms of staffing and staff absence at Sunnyside this half-term, with the academy feeling the impact of the Covid-19 Omicron variant. We recognize that this has been a very unsettled period for all classes at the school, but particularly for Buzz Aldrin class since Mrs Gosling went on maternity leave.

The impact of Covid-19 across schools has led to a severe staff shortages – both in terms of the availability of supply teachers and also a reduction in the number of teachers moving between schools. As you are aware, we have twice secured long-term supply teachers for the class and on both occasions, the arrangement we have put in place has not been honoured.

Now that our internal staffing challenges seem to be settling down, we are able to put a long-term arrangement in place for Buzz Aldrin class. On Monday-Wednesday, the class will be taught by Mrs Batchelor and on Thursday-Friday the class will be taught by Mrs McGuire, a long-term supply teacher. Should the arrangement with Mrs McGuire fall through, Mrs Atkinson will teach the class on Thursday and Friday.

These changes will be in place from Monday 21st February therefore we will move parents' consultations for Buzz Aldrin class to Wednesday 23rd March, so that these phone conversations can be held with Mrs Batchelor.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to let you know that Mrs Gosling had a baby girl at the end of January. Both Mum and baby are doing well and we are hopeful that Mrs Gosling will be able to pop in and see the class at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K Rolf

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