

Friday, 28 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I understand there have been some concerns around the arrangements regarding the structure of teaching and learning in Blue class following the news of Harriet's return home to Australia. Hopefully, this letter offers some clarity, allays concerns and allows you to feel reassured that your child will continue to receive outstanding teaching for the remainder of the year:

- Blue class will continue to have 2 members of support staff, Layla and Daniel, one of whom is a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. The school have made the decision to keep this additional support in place in order to best support the children throughout their time in year 1. Blue is the only class in the school which has this level of support.
- As of Monday, and for the next 2 weeks, Sean will be teaching in Blue class, supported by myself. Sean will teach 80% and I will teach the other 20%.
- For the 6 weeks after half term, Nick will be joining us in Blue class and will be supported by myself throughout his time with us. He will be visiting the school on 7th, 8th and 9th of February to meet with: myself, the year 1 team, parents and the children, in preparation for his placement in Blue class. I will be supporting him throughout his placement, team teaching as well as supporting with planning and assessment of the children.
- From the Summer term, and until the end of the year, Manal will be the class teacher, supported by myself. Manal will teach 80% of time and I will teach the other 20%.

We have a tried a tested model of developing our own staff, with both Manal and Sean being extremely experienced in both TA and HLTA roles. They have a strong understanding of our curriculum and our high expectations of teaching and learning. The role of deputy head teacher in supporting, mentoring and team teaching has been successful over a number of years, including most recently with Joe, Emi, Emily and Harley who have all become fantastic teachers at SHS.

If at any point throughout the year, you have any concerns regarding your child, I will be available to discuss these with you, either alongside the class teacher or 1 on 1.

I hope that this letter clarifies any concerns that you may have and fills you with confidence about the plans moving forward. If you feel any concerns, in relation to your child, have not been addressed, please email these through to admin@shsharingey.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Reilly', written in a cursive style.

Neil Reilly

Deputy Head teacher