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Dear parents and guardians,

Unfortunately, Miss McGiveron has sustained a fractured wrist which has required a serious operation. She will now need a period of recovery on medical orders. Our thoughts are very much with her, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

I am writing to the families of both classes to ensure you are fully informed about our plans during this time.

With just over two weeks remaining until SATs, it is essential that we provide Miss McGiveron's class with consistent support from an experienced teacher. Therefore, up until the week beginning 11th May (SATs week), Mrs Gilbertson will be teaching Year 6. During this period, Miss Partington will move into Year 5 and will work alongside Mrs Fate in 5GB. Miss Partington is an excellent teacher, and I am confident she will provide strong support for the class.

Mrs Gilbertson brings many years of experience as a Year 6 teacher and also works for Sefton as a Year 6 Writing Moderator. She is an expert Year 6 teacher, which means she is exceptionally well placed to slot in and support our pupils during this important period. After SATs, Mrs Gilbertson will return to Y5, and Miss Quick will take over 6M until Miss McGiveron can return.

I recognise that these changes may cause some disruption for the children. However, it is vital that we respond effectively to unforeseen challenges such as this to reduce any disruption and address any fears you may have. Thank you for your understanding and continued support over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Gouldbourne, Headteacher