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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that after 7½ years at Clutton Primary School, Mrs PC has decided to leave at the end of this academic year to pursue new opportunities. We are holding our new reception parents' meeting this evening where parents will be told this sad news, so we wanted you to inform you on the same day.

With this in mind, from September the school will run as five classes. Unfortunately, due to reduced funding, rising costs and a fall in the number of children on roll we can no longer afford to have six classes. This situation is not unique to Clutton, with many schools in the area and indeed nationally facing the same difficult choices. The situation will be reviewed in a year's time.

At present we envisage the school to have the following five classes:

Cherry - Reception  
Willow - Years 1 and 2  
Rowan - Years 3 and 4  
Sycamore - Year 4 and 5  
Oak - Year 6

We will let you know as soon as possible which teachers will be with each class and for those of you with children moving into Year 4, which class your child will be in. Mrs Cowan will be working closely with us to ensure that your child is placed in the class that we feel is the best fit for them. To make this decision, we will be looking at friendship groups, ability and age, as well as the dynamics of the children in the year above and below them.

Please be assured that we have not taken this decision lightly; all of our teachers are experienced at teaching mixed age classes and we will be working hard to ensure that the children are offered the same opportunities whichever class they are in.

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Yours faithfully,

Mr Dan Turull and Mrs Lucy Cowgill

