



# Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Changes to Teaching in 3R**

I am writing to let you know about a changed arrangement affecting the teaching of 3R.

I try very hard not to disrupt class groups at all during the year and it is very rare that we have to make changes. However, Ro StJohn will be leaving Downs View at Easter. They have accepted a role with East Sussex County Council as a SEN standards and practice advisor. Ro has worked for us since 2013 and has been an exemplary teacher. They will be greatly missed by everyone here as they had such a big impact, they are always very professional, hardworking and always pupil-centred. They had a very positive impact in the area of behaviour and we will continue with the work that they have done around this.

Identifying appropriately experienced teaching staff mid-year is very difficult for schools like Downs View. In the interim period Arnie Strong, a highly experienced Lead Teaching Assistant, will lead the group until the end of the academic year. Arnie is already a member of the team in 3R and is familiar with all of the pupils.

The existing class teaching assistant team who know the group well will remain the same. The programmes are running smoothly so this experienced team will ensure continued high quality teaching and learning. The timetable remains the same.

If you have any questions please do contact me or Jackie Hutchings.

Best wishes,

*Vanessa*

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