Dear Parents and Carers,

SENDCo maternity leave and cover arrangements

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Bythell-Nicholl and her husband welcomed their baby boy, Alwyn Dwyer Bythell-Nicholl, on Friday 16th October. Alwyn made a very early arrival, bringing forward the start of Mrs Bythell-Nicholl's maternity leave. Both mother and baby are doing well, and we send the family our warmest congratulations and very best wishes.

Maternity cover for the SENDCo position had already been successfully appointed a few weeks ago, and we are pleased to welcome back **Mrs R Symes** for the remainder of Mrs Bythell-Nicholl's maternity leave.

Mrs Symes previously worked as SENDCo at Kingstone and brings a wealth of talent, knowledge and experience to the role. Some families may remember her as **Mrs Ruvino**. We are delighted that she will be returning to lead our SEND and inclusion provision during this period.

Mrs Symes will join us after the half-term break, on **Monday 9th November**. As Mrs Bythell-Nicholl's maternity leave has begun sooner than anticipated, please contact me directly during this interim period with any matters relating to SEND and inclusion at **mmorris@kingstoneacademy.co.uk**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we manage this earlier transition.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Symes back to Kingstone and wish Mrs Bythell-Nicholl and her family all the very best.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Morris
Head of School