

**Miss Shields short term absence from school**

Monday 11th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of pupils in Crew Shields and Crew Longley,

I am just writing to let you know that from today, Miss Shields is required to isolate as she is having an operation on the 14th January. Don't worry, it's quite a minor operation but she really needs to have it done and has been allocated a slot with very short notice. But, we have some good news....

... Miss Shields will continue to help teach her crew from home until Thursday and then following her period of recuperation. Yay!

However, in addition, Year 3 will be working with myself, Mrs Lowe and Miss Holdsworth. The children across Year 3 will work in the hall, to allow for all Covid-19 protocols to be adhered to and to ensure social distancing. The children will still primarily work with children from their own bubble. We believe this will provide stability and reassurance for the children during Miss Shields' absence.

Our online learners will continue to be supported by the team in school, but will also have Miss Shields, who is one of our online learning experts, to support them at times across the next three weeks.

We are anticipating that Miss Shields will return towards the end of January. Miss Shields has shared that as soon as she is well enough, she will begin teaching 'live' again as much as she can to support the online learners and the team in school. Until Miss Shields returns to school, the children will primarily work with myself, Mrs Lowe and Miss Holdsworth.

Thank you for your understanding at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Shields for her commitment to the school and the year three crews during this time and would also like to wish her all the best for the operation and a speedy recovery.

I would also like to thank both Crew Shields and Crew Longley for showing such a mature attitude towards school this year and I am confident that they will blow us away. I am really looking forward to having the chance to get to know Miss Shield's a little more across this period!

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Longley  
Assistant Headteacher