



**Ashlands**  
Church of England  
Primary School

**Headteacher:** Miss Nicola Ball  
**Chair of Governors:** Mr David Harvey

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to update you on the teaching arrangements currently in place for your children in Red Squirrel class. As many of you will already be aware Mrs Dodkin has been out of class for the previous two weeks. Mrs Dodkin has been absent due to medical reasons. We were hoping to see her bright smiling face return to us next week but unfortunately this has been postponed as she has been signed off for a further 2 weeks.

During her absence to date, we have worked closely as a team to ensure that the children continue to be appropriately supported across Mrs Dodkin's 3 and half teaching days. Mrs Grasby (HLTA) and Mrs Bell (HLTA) have delivered a high quality curriculum to your children following Mrs Dodkin's teaching plans. I have been monitoring this each day.

Across the next two weeks we will be welcoming Mrs Gibson back to lead the teaching in Red Squirrels across Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Radford, our English Lead and Mrs Hooper, our Maths lead will support the planning to ensure the children remain on track with their learning. Mrs Gibson will be a familiar face to many of the children as she has taught with us before and this will support their well being.

I appreciate that this will be an unsettling time but I would like to reassure you that your children are continuing to receive high quality academic and pastoral care.

I know that you will join with me in wishing Mrs Dodkin well, and we look forward to seeing her return.

If you have any questions regarding the arrangements in place, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Ball  
Head Teacher

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