31st March 2021

Dear parents of the children in Ireland class,

I am writing to let you know that there will be a teacher change in Ireland class, starting at the beginning of next term.

Some of you may know that I am living here in the UK without my husband, who was unfortunately denied a visa to stay here. It is one year since we tried to move over here as a family, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to be apart. It is especially hard for our 8-year-old son to be without his father. Hence, I have taken the difficult decision to leave BPS before the end of the year, to move back to NZ and re-unite our family. All going well, we will be flying on the 6th of April!

In my experience, children get used to a new teacher quite quickly, and seeing everything else familiar around e.g. Mrs Tanner and the other staff within our free-flow reception unit, will help them to feel settled.

I did give the children a bit of backstory last week to help them understand why I want to move to NZ. I showed them these pictures and explained that I wouldn't want them to be sad *if* I left and that it would be a happy event for me to be back with my husband. We looked at the map and how far NZ was from the UK.

The incoming teachers are Mary Mason (who is returning to our reception unit after Maternity leave) and Julie Wallace, who is currently a PPA teacher at the school. She has also worked within our reception unit before.

It has been a pleasure to teach your children, I wish them all the best for the future. If they need further closure or reassurance, please let them send me a message (or a photo of their drawing) through the EYFS email eyfs@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.

This will be passed onto me and I will reply.

Best regards,
Mrs Wilson