



Weare Academy C of E First School

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29th January 2026

Re. Year 2 staffing update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some positive news regarding our Year 2 class.

We are delighted to confirm that, following a successful interview process, **Miss Emily Sweeney** has been appointed as our Year 2 teacher and will be joining us **after the February half term**.

Miss Sweeney is already well known to the school, having previously worked with us in Year 3 during the Autumn term. During this time, she stood out for her high-quality teaching, strong relationships with pupils, and calm, nurturing approach. She is familiar with our school, routines and many of the children, which will support a smooth transition into the role.

Miss Sweeney brings several years of experience working in schools, including extensive work as a Teaching Assistant supporting pupils with high-level SEND needs on a 1:1 basis. Her training provider has recognised her as an **exceptional practitioner**, and this experience and skill set were clearly evident throughout the appointment process.

Miss Sweeney is currently completing the final stages of her teacher training and is on track to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in July 2026. Recruiting teachers at this stage of their career is something we have successfully done before and is a well-established approach across schools. We are confident that this appointment will provide consistency and high-quality provision for Year 2 and is the right move for the school moving forward.

Miss Sweeney will be working four days per week in Year 2. She will not be in school on Tuesdays, as this day will be used for professional training. To ensure children's learning and routines remain consistent, I will be teaching in Year 2 every Tuesday until the summer term. Miss Sweeney will be working closely with both myself and Ms Cooke (SENCo) to ensure standards remain high and provision is consistently strong for all pupils.

Before the half-term break, Miss Sweeney will be spending time in school working with the children and liaising closely with Mrs Hael to support a positive and well-planned transition. Miss Sweeney and I will also be hosting a **Meet the Teacher** session on

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Thursday 5th February at 2.45pm, where parents and carers are warmly invited to meet her and ask any questions.

Please join me in welcoming Miss Sweeney to the Weare Academy team. We are very much looking forward to her joining our school community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs C Dover', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C Dover
Headteacher