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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Giraffes - SCITT Trainee

We are pleased to be welcoming a trainee teacher, Miss Pepperell, to the Year 2 team. Miss Pepperell will be working with Giraffes for a period of 12 weeks, with her placement beginning next week (Monday 16th November). Miss Pepperell is currently training with Poole SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training), the teacher training organisation which is part of TEACH Poole and is based here at Ad Astra. Poole SCITT are renowned for their high-quality teacher training and a number of teachers currently employed at our school previously trained with them.

Miss Pepperell is very much looking forward to working alongside the teaching staff and children in our school to gain further practical classroom experience. We feel the children will benefit from the experience of another adult in the classroom, who will come to us with their own fresh and exciting ideas. No doubt, you will hear all about them from your children!

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Yours faithfully

Mr Watt
SCITT Mentor