



# Stratton Upper School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to the parents of everyone who is taught English by Mrs Newbrook. Your son or daughter may have told you that Mrs Newbrook has been absent from recent lessons. This is because her husband has been diagnosed with a very serious illness and she is having to take time to support him through his treatment and to come to terms with the implications for her and her family.

Mrs Newbrook is desperately keen not to let her classes down and would like to return to work. However, she is in no fit state to do so at the moment. We have obviously sent her and her husband our very best wishes and hopes for an eventual recovery.

In the meantime we have to make alternative arrangements to teach Mrs Newbrook's classes. I am very grateful to members of the English Department team for agreeing to help whenever they can. We have drawn up an alternative timetable using our experienced staff for all examination classes whenever this has been possible. We will employ a specialist English teacher to cover the remaining classes whenever this is possible. However, we will have to monitor the quality of this supply teaching closely and if it does not meet our standards we may well decide that these lessons are better taught by a non-specialist teacher whose work we know and trust.

I am sorry that we are having to put these new arrangements in place and hope that Mrs Newbrook will be able to return to work sooner rather than later. Meanwhile we will do all we can to maintain the standards of teaching and learning that you would expect for your son or daughter at Stratton.

Yours sincerely

Neil Bramwell  
Headteacher

