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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Mrs Hillyer's absence

You may have noticed that Mrs Hillyer has been absent for the last few weeks. I am writing to update you on this situation. Unfortunately, Mrs Hillyer has fallen and hurt her back. She has been advised to rest. As you can imagine, this is not the advice Mrs Hillyer wanted and she will miss the class terribly, as we will miss her while she is not with us.

We have been covering the class with a mix of people who know the children- Mr Webster, Mrs Birdsall and a supply who has been in the class before. This is because we originally believed Mrs Hillyer was suffering with concussion and would be back with us by now. However, we now know that Mrs Hillyer has some nerve damage in her back and this needs to be given time to heal. Due to this, we have been sourcing a supply teacher to cover whilst she is recovering.

We are lucky in securing a fantastic supply teacher for the rest of the time Mrs Hillyer is off- Louise Bailey. Some of you may remember this name, as Louise Bailey was a teacher at our school until she moved to a position in Preston and she knows our school and children well. Mrs Hillyer will help guide Mrs Bailey over the next few weeks through regular communication and planning from home. Mrs Hillyer will be returning to us as soon as possible.

We understand that this is not an ideal situation for all involved and please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (who are out everyday) should you have any concerns.

Mrs Miller and Miss Morgan (AM) will remain in class with the children to support their teaching and learning and help Mrs Bailey with her knowledge of the children.

As always, thank you for your continued support and I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Hillyer a speedy recovery.

Kind regards,

Lucy Naylor  
Headteacher

