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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you an update on the absence of Miss Lavelle. Unfortunately, Miss Lavelle remains unwell and we are unsure of when she will be well enough to return at this time. We are in contact with Miss Lavelle and continue to wish her a speedy recovery.

I know that the children do continue to ask about Miss Lavelle and are concerned about her. I will speak with the children today and explain the contents of this letter to them.

The current Year 1 team are doing a fabulous job with the children and I am so pleased at the progress that they have made over the spring term as a class. A huge 'hats off' to the Year 1 teaching team, and also to Miss Bullen for the excellent support she has been giving with phonics and early reading.

Due to the stability of the year 1 team at this time and to ensure consistency for the children, when Miss Lavelle is well enough to return to work, she will not go back into the Year 1 classroom. Year 1 will continue to be taught by Miss Barry, Miss Reeve and Gozde for the remainder of this academic year. We will work with Miss Lavelle to ensure her return is both positive and successful through a phased return.

As ever, if you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

