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Dear Parents,

### Re. Mrs Barrett's Year 1 bubble

I'm writing to apologise for any concern that Friday's email to you may have initiated; perhaps my wording wasn't as reassuring or clear as it could have been;

If Mrs Barrett "...receives advice/information from the doctors ... would mean the bubble would have to close (as unfortunately we would not have another member of staff to replace her at this time). We will be in touch should this happen however it may be at very short notice and I felt it a good idea to warn you of the current situation Mrs Barrett is faced with."

We had known of Mrs Barrett's father's illness for some time and had planned for a reserve teacher to step in immediately, should she receive any news from doctors. Unfortunately, our reserve teacher, Mr Brotherton, was required at short notice to replace a Year 6 bubble on Friday, at the same time I received the sad news about the imminent possibility of Mrs Barrett losing her Dad. Thankfully, Mrs Barrett has been able to see her father this weekend and although he is still very poorly, she is able to return to school on Monday.

Although staffing looks plentiful each day, in line with risk mitigation, I am only allowed to allocate a full-time member of staff who is not already involved with another bubble, rota or on emergency duty.

I have wanted for the children in class to receive teaching from a teacher (all our TAs are working in key worker childcare), so when I wrote to you stating 'at this time', I really just wanted to forewarn you that if I had late notice given on Sunday evening re. Mrs Barrett, I would have to give you short notice re. closing her bubble for the day on Monday, until another teacher became available.

Things change on a daily basis (in this case, has been dependent on family circumstances and health) and fortunately it is now the case that we have a teacher who would be able to fulfil this role safely - this too only came to light on Sunday morning!



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Please be reassured that I will endeavour in any situation presented that there is, within the Federation, a solution (and in any circumstance) to keep the Year 1 children in education and in school for the next three weeks; I know how important this is for all facets of the children's well-being and also for your planning as a family.

Within our school and Federation, we have built our success on progressive strategy and excellence in planning; this current situation has unfortunately meant that sometimes we can't plan further than the next day and often depends on personnel and sometimes personal circumstances; this is not ideal and is never how we normally operate however I will always try to update you as soon as I am able.

I am sorry if my wording caused concern; last week was a real success for Year 1 and I have received so much positive feedback about their return (thank you for your lovely feedback); the last thing I want is to remove this, indeed I can't wait for all the children to come back to school!

Please accept this communication in response to any query you may have forwarded to the office.

Yours sincerely,

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