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Dear parents/carers

Parents' Evening Calls

It is with regret that I have to inform you that your planned parents' evening – yet again – cannot currently take place. I fully appreciate reports on progress are vital as we work together for your child but teachers in both Larch and Hazel are currently unwell and only these teachers hold the key to where your child is currently working and could offer you an accurate picture. As soon as we have staff with the relevant knowledge, the phone calls will be rescheduled.

We currently have a supply teacher in Hazel – this will hopefully be a constant person as from Monday the 16th for at least 3 weeks when we will re-assess the situation. On the return of Larch, it is planned that Mr Hannam - already known to the children - will return with them and carry on with the teaching he has already done in Larch. We look forward to their return to school on the 18th November.

In Usual Circumstances:

There are no set rules as to how many progress reports we must offer per year. We simply work out our teachers' official directed time as set by unions and work around these alongside their day to day teaching obligations. Most primaries offer 2 parents' evenings and a written report near the end of the year. At Wycliffe we would normally follow this model but provide written reports on all 3 occasions. Above and beyond to support as best we can.

We would also in normal circumstances offer quick chats at drop off and collection to nip minor things in the bud – but with COVID our hands are tied as we reduce all contact and footfall as best we can, thus keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Staff absences are not something we can plan around, COVID or not but even so, my sincere apologies that this affects your child.

Warmest regards,

D Baxter
Headteacher