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Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back and wish you all a happy and healthy 2019. We have had a hectic first week with OFSTED phoning on the first day back and carrying out an inspection the following day. Thank you for all those who took the time to fill in Ofsted's Parent View and those who spoke to staff offering their positive support, it is very much appreciated. The governors and I cannot share the outcome or any details until the report has been validated but I would like to say we had a fair inspection which captured the essence of Hanbury C.E. First School. The pupils were a delight and, like any other day, made the staff feel proud.

As you know we have had a difficult 12 months with staff illnesses but despite this the focus on teaching and learning has continued and our key results show year on year improvement over the last three years well above national figures. We are happy to say Mrs Larner is back but unfortunately Mrs Dallow is now not likely to return until late January early February. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Guest, an experienced Early Years teacher, who will be taking Reception with Mrs Ellis until Mrs Dallow returns.

I would also like to update you with Mrs Kershaw's progress, she is continuing to receive treatment for her illness and will not be returning in the near future. We offer our thoughts and prayers to both Mrs Kershaw and her family at this difficult time.

Please may I remind you that all parents need to ensure pupils are safely through the school gates in the mornings and are seen by the staff member on gate duty. We encourage all children to walk across the playground by themselves as this helps to build independence and gives a clear handover. Secondly, teachers and staff need to focus on getting the children in safely and ready to learn and, as you can appreciate, listening and talking to parents regarding important information at this time of day is difficult. Please give important messages to Mrs Parmley or Mrs Hogan at the office where they can be recorded and communicated to the staff member at a more appropriate time.

Kind regards

*Andrew Payne*

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