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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Eagles' Class

I am writing to inform you about Miss White's current circumstances and the arrangements we have implemented to ensure continuity in your child's educational experience during this period.

As you may have observed this morning, Miss White was using crutches to support her mobility. This follows a football injury she sustained last academic year while playing for a local team, which has required extensive medical intervention throughout the summer period. Miss White underwent surgical procedures on her ACL and meniscus ligaments during the summer holidays, with the expectation that this would provide sufficient recovery time before the commencement of the new academic year.

However, during the surgical intervention, medical professionals identified that the injury was considerably more complex than initially anticipated, necessitating additional surgical procedures beyond those originally planned. Despite having the entire summer period for healing and recovery, and Miss White's optimistic expectations regarding her return to full duties, her physiotherapist has advised that the increasing swelling and persistent pain she is experiencing require extended periods of rest and reduced physical activity.

Miss White's dedication to her class and reluctance to leave her children during these crucial early weeks of the academic year is both admirable and characteristic of her professional commitment. However, following careful consideration and professional medical guidance, she has been persuaded to return home during afternoon sessions to ensure adequate rest and recovery time, while continuing her morning responsibilities with the class.

In response to these circumstances, I am working diligently to establish consistent and familiar teaching coverage for the afternoon sessions, ensuring that your child's learning progression and their essential settling-in period during these formative weeks of the new academic year remain uncompromised. The arrangements we are implementing prioritise continuity and stability, recognising the importance of maintaining established routines and relationships during this transitional period.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require further clarification regarding these temporary arrangements or Miss White's recovery progress, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss White directly or myself. We remain committed to maintaining open communication and ensuring that any concerns you may have are addressed promptly and comprehensively.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret  
**Headteacher**