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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you are aware that Miss Browning was not teaching her class on Friday. Unfortunately, she is unwell and will not be back for the start of the week. I would like to reassure you that her absence is not related to COVID.

Teachers plan at the weekend for the forthcoming week – Miss Browning has been unable to do this. We are therefore moving to our contingency plan for when a teacher is off sick and is unable to teach. As we are currently partially closed, our HLTA's will be sharing the class cover in school and the virtual classroom. They will support the delivery of lessons that have been carefully selected by Miss Browning to reinforce and consolidate the children's learning from The Oak National Academy.

The **Oak National Academy** is a government-backed **online** learning platform that launched on Monday 20th April 2020. The enterprise has been created by 40 teachers from some of the leading schools across England and is funded by the Department of Education. It has been widely developed since the first national lockdown and is being used to support learning in many schools across the country.

It will be different for the children as all of the teaching inputs are pre-recorded and it won't be Miss Browning! However, I am sure that the children will enjoy this variation to their learning until Miss Browning is well enough to return.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support during these changing and challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher

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