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Dear Parents,

Over the last few months, I have tried to keep you informed regarding Mrs Reynolds' absence from school and I appreciate that you and your children may be asking what will happen in September.

As you can appreciate, details of staff health are a personal matter. However, Mrs Reynolds has given me permission to share more information with you. Initially, Mrs Reynolds dislocated her knee as a result of a fall. Subsequently, damage has occurred to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). This ligament is one of the ligaments inside of your knee – it joins your thigh bone (femur) to the front of your shin bone (tibia) and allows the knee to move. Mrs Reynolds has received medical treatment in the time of her absence but has now been informed by her consultant that her knee requires an operation for a reconstructive procedure before it can improve any further.

In addition, Mrs Reynolds will need to undergo a pre-habilitation period before the operation and a further rehabilitation period afterwards. We are unsure of the exact nature of this or timings as yet as this is dependent upon NHS timescales.

As of this week, we are still unsure if Mrs Reynolds will be fit enough to return to school in September. As a result, we are planning for a variety of scenarios and are putting into place contingency plans. I want to reassure you that at the heart of all our decisions will be providing stability for the class in September. I will contact parents towards the end of August to outline how the class will be staffed.

If you have any questions, then please speak to me and I will try and answer them.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs CE Talbot
(Head Teacher)

