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Unfortunately, Miss Griffin is not able to return to work yet but we are hoping that she will be back with us soon and we are supporting her to enable her to do this as quickly as possible.

Whilst Miss Griffin continues to be absent Owls class will now be covered by supply teachers and Mrs Turner. Mrs Turner and Mrs Gallinagh will continue to work in the class as Teaching Assistants helping to ensure the continuity of systems that we have in school, such as homework, behaviour management and daily routine. We thank them both very much for their extra effort and work in ensuring the very best for the children in the class over the last few weeks and in the future until Miss Griffin's return. Sadly, the arrangement that we had in place, with a continuous supply teacher, has had to end due to a number of reasons including the poor and very disappointing behaviour of a few of the children in the class. Any children who are causing disruption in the class will be removed and will continue their education away from their peers.

Unfortunately, the lack of understanding and support from some parents, including some very negative and insensitive comments on social media and verbally, has been very disappointing. We recognise that this is not an ideal situation for the children and we work tirelessly to ensure that the children's education continues at a high level through continued planning from Miss Griffin and with fully qualified delivery of lessons and as much consistency as is possible.

Many thanks go to those parents who attended the meeting held two weeks ago to explain the situation and to all of those who are fully supportive of the school in doing the very best that it can.

We look forward to Miss Griffin's return and hope that she is feeling better as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Claire Willows
Head Teacher