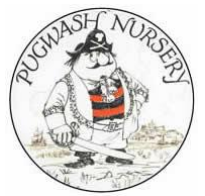




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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately Miss Brunton is still unwell and is going to be absent for at least the rest of this week and next.

I am aware that Miss Brunton has been keeping you up to date with her ill health on Class Dojo. However, I wanted to write to you formally to ensure you are kept informed of the provision for Marlin.

In Miss Brunton's absence, we have Miss Brassley, our assistant headteacher for teaching and learning, teaching Marlin class for the largest part of the week. Miss Brassley is obviously well known to the children ensuring continuity and stability in Miss Brunton's absence. Miss Brassley will be teaching all of the English and Maths sessions and also accompanying the children swimming. Miss Brassley will be planning with the rest of the year 5 and 6 team to ensure that Marlin have the same curriculum opportunities as the rest of year 5 and 6. When Miss Brassley is unable to be in the classroom, we will have a combination of cover supervisors supported by teaching assistants. In the current circumstances this is a better option than employing supply teachers who may be unfamiliar with the curriculum, the way it is taught and of course our children. I am sure you will agree that this is the most appropriate plan of action for now.

In this light I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has been teaching in Marlin during Miss Brunton's absence. However, in particular, I would like to thank Mrs Leach, who has once again, gone "above and beyond" to ensure that the children have the best possible learning experience. Mrs Leach has been in during half term and is working long after the working day finishes to ensure that Marlin are still having high quality learning opportunities.

I am confident that with Miss Brassley and Mrs Leach 'at the helm' in Marlin, the children will be able to maintain good progress in their lessons and have the same opportunities as the other year 5 and 6 classes. I know Miss Brassley has many great lessons planned for Marlin and again is an excellent teacher, so the children are in very capable hands!

I am sure you will join me in sending your best wishes to Miss Brunton and wishes for a complete recovery, so that she can once again re-join her Marlin.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Martin
Head of School