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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near the end of this session, I'd like to thank you all for your continuing support. It has been a challenging year in school.

We continue to experience staff shortages. Many of you know that if a teacher is absent, there are no supply staff to replace them. This has resulted in Mrs Findlay, Miss Stark and I teaching on many occasions.

Unfortunately being in class does impact on our ability to plan and communicate with you. I hope you understand that as a Bonnyrigg parent, as well as the Head Teacher, this is not as I would wish things to be.

There have been and may continue to be occasions where we have several staff absences and not enough teachers, including the Senior Leadership Team, to cover each class. In such instances we have no choice but to put classes together or split classes ensuring that the arrangements keep our children safe.

The only alternative in these situations would be to send pupils home as has happened in some authorities.

If any of you are trained primary teachers and you are interested in supply work in Bonnyrigg, please let me know. This would be a tremendous help to me and our pupils. Our pupils deserve the best and we strive to provide that.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Allison
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