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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am a PGCE student/trainee teacher and will be undertaking a placement in your child's class throughout the spring term, taking increasing responsibility for leading the teaching and learning.

As part of my course, I will be undertaking a small research study, focusing on the development of an aspect of my practice as a teacher. The aim of the research is to enable me to understand the impact of my teaching on the children's learning and to improve my teaching. The aspect of my teaching I have chosen to focus on is my use of effective questioning. The children's learning and welfare will be paramount throughout and no child will be unfairly advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of the project.

For the purposes of the research study, in order to understand the impact of my teaching on the children's progress, I will be gathering some evidence related to the children's learning. This will include photocopies of children's work, observational notes and notes of things the children say. An audio recording will also be taken of my questions and the children's responses, to allow context. The evidence will be kept securely and only used for the purposes of my report and will be deleted/destroyed upon successful completion of the module. The report will not be published or made available online. The name of the school will not appear in the report and individual children will not be identified by name.

The project has been discussed with Miss Haynes and they support the planned approach. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, or if you would prefer your child to be excluded from the evidence gathered, please let me know.

I am really looking forward to working with your child this term and look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Comley

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

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Dear Children and Parents of Holly Berries,

I am writing to introduce myself. I am a trainee teacher on my main placement, studying the PGCE Primary course at the University of Gloucestershire. My course specialises in ages 3-7 years. Previous to this course, I studied Early Childhood Studies with Early Years Teacher Status which provided me with 3 years of additional knowledge and placements to gain further experience.

I am studying to specialise within this age range due to having a higher enthusiasm for teaching Reception, where I have the most experience. My particular subject interests are Maths, Phonics and Art, however I enjoy teaching all subjects, where I can use various skills and knowledge to scaffold children's learning.

My excitement to teach in Holly Berries stems from it being a new experience in terms of teaching a mixed class of Year 1 and 2, which I have not yet had the experience in. I feel that this will be an interesting insight into how this age differs to Reception, and all of the new skills it will require me to have.

I look forward to meeting you,

Kind regards,

Miss Comley

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