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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year and a particularly very warm welcome to our new children and their families. I am looking forward to getting to know you over the coming years.

I am writing specifically to you today to inform you that I am unable to start the new term with you. My son, Daniel, has been awaiting a major surgical operation for some time and we were hoping that this would take place in the Summer break. Unfortunately the NHS was not able to accommodate this. I will need to be with my son for his time in hospital and the subsequent recovery period and I will therefore be taking compassionate leave from school.

Mr Hooper, Deputy Headteacher, will be Acting Headteacher in my absence and he will be in charge of the day to day running of the school. As many of you know, we have worked together as a team for the past 6 years so I am very confident that the school will be in very good hands. Whilst I may not be physically in school very much (although I am hoping to be able to pop in and out) I will be still in contact as much as possible with the school and will be speaking to senior staff on a regular basis. If you need to contact senior staff in the school, Mr. Hooper can be contacted on his email [deputy@avenuejunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@avenuejunior.norfolk.sch.uk) or through the school office number.

I am devastated to be missing the start of the school year and meeting all the new children but, depending on the progress of Daniel's recovery, I hope to be back with you all very soon.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D. Dismore'.

Debbie Dismore  
Headteacher