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Dear Parent/Carer

First, I need to apologise to you unreservedly. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to hold tomorrow's Parents' Forum as planned. This is because the School has not yet received the final Ofsted report from the December inspection. We have, however, now received a confirmed publication date, so we will hold a parents' meeting on Monday evening, 6 February starting at 6.30pm.

I know that you have many questions, not least about the departure of Tom Sherrington and the Ofsted inspection. The School was promised the final Ofsted report last week, but we now have been told that its issuance has been held up by internal administration. Many of you may know that Ofsted directs schools to keep all information surrounding an inspection confidential until the final report is published.

You will be able to review the report in advance of the meeting. The School, the Governors and the Local Authority will be available on Monday to answer any and all of your questions, to the best of our abilities.

It has been a difficult week at Highbury Grove, with the very sad news of the passing of Dave Flower, our much-loved Head of Humanities. Yet even in these extraordinary times, the students and staff are going about the daily business of learning and teaching. Staff have pulled together under the new leadership of Acting Headteacher Aimee Lyall. In her seven days in post, she has held assemblies with all year groups, answered all parent emails and has been a beacon of calm for staff.

Parents have been enormously supportive of the School and its staff. The flowers, chocolates and offers of help are immensely appreciated. Again, please let us apologise for having to postpone this important meeting, but we want to answer your questions in an open and transparent way, and are not able to do so until the Ofsted report is published.

Thank you for your support of the school and I look forward to seeing you on Monday evening.

Best regards



Maggie Elliott
Chair of Governors