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Dear Parents,

I feel it is important to write to parents today, in recognition of the fact that it is the first anniversary since one of our Early Years teachers, Miss Phillips, sadly passed away unexpectedly. The passing of one of our teachers, was a great loss to us at Five Ways. Since this time, we have been working closely with Miss Phillips' family to develop a fitting and lasting memorial to her.

Miss Phillips had a very keen interest in how pupils learn through play. She believed that every child should enjoy their learning whilst having fun. In Miss Phillips' memory, we will be choosing and installing an outdoor piece of play equipment that will be dedicated to her. We will continue to liaise with Miss Phillips' family and the staff and pupils at Five Ways, before making any final decisions about the play equipment to be purchased. Once it is installed, you and your child/ren will be invited to join us in a special ceremony to mark the opening of the play equipment.

In the meantime, we recognise that many children, parents and staff will be upset by the fact that this week marks the anniversary of Miss Phillips' passing. The additional fact that we cannot all come together to support one another is terribly sad due to the current situation regarding coronavirus. Nevertheless, I would like to reassure parents that Miss Phillips is in our thoughts and even though we cannot come together to offer each other support at the moment, our compassion and strong sense of community will see us through.

Staff and pupils attending school currently, will have the opportunity to lay flowers near the front of the school to mark Miss Phillips' passing however, sadly we will not be able to allow parents of pupils who are not attending school currently to visit the site to lay flowers. This is because strict safety measures are in place to protect the school community from coronavirus.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and look forward to informing you of the piece of play equipment that will be purchased and when we might be able to come together as a school community to mark the first anniversary of Miss Phillips' passing properly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Mander
Headteacher

