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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great first half term and it is time for everyone to take a well-deserved break.

I feel like I have been greatly supported by parents and the Temple community in my first half term as Headteacher, so thank you. I hope you all understand and are clear that my vision for our school is about wanting the very best for our children and put simply, it is about 'Children, Children, Children.' All the decisions made and actions taken are centred on what is best for Temple children. You send your children to Temple Primary School so that they can be confident, well-rounded individuals and to improve their educational attainments so that they can have the best chances and opportunities in the future. Our job is to ensure that this happens. As we continue to work together, our children will get the very best from all of us.

Thank you to all the parents for returning completed questionnaires. I will be sending a summary of the feedback in my letter after half-term. Your views are important to us and, after half term, there will be a parent comments box at the main office where you can leave your views at any time.

You will have noticed that I am not as readily available to meet parents as I was in my previous role as Deputy Head. This is because, as Headteacher, my time is taken up more in improving standards and ensuring best outcomes for our children. However, I am available to meet by appointments made through the main office or by phone. You will also see Mr Beresford and I at the start and end of day in the playgrounds so do feel free to come and speak to us.

At the end of this first half term, our whole school attendance is 95% and last week, there were 78 lates. Attendance continues to be a school priority and I want to ask you to support us with this. Extended leave during term time is not authorised and, sadly, we have had to remove children from two families from Temple as a result of them taking time off during term time. This is an indication of the approach we are taking to address the issue of attendance.

Finally, wishing you a happy and restful half-term. School will reopen on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

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