



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been very challenging for the staff of Aspire and the children and families of Platts Heath, due to the very sudden death of Miss Killick, our Ash class teacher, on Monday night.

#### Miss Killick

Miss Killick was the teacher of Years R and 1 at Platts Heath and the PE and Sports Coordinator for Aspire. On Tuesday morning I received the very sad news that she had died at home on Monday night. Miss Killick has been a member of the staff team at Platts Heath for many years starting her career as a midday meals supervisor and then whilst studying was employed as a teaching assistant. Due to her hard work and determination, Miss Killick qualified as a teacher in 2019. She had a passion for PE and despite being fairly newly qualified took over the leadership of PE and ensured that all children across Aspire were being taught quality PE lessons, and pre-pandemic was organising the sports competitions.

Please do respect the privacy of Miss Killick's family and the loss that the staff and children at Platts Heath are feeling by not asking questions. We will of course, in time, find appropriate ways to remember Miss Killick and ensure her good work lives on throughout Aspire.

#### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are the week of Monday 11th October - each school will be in touch with you as parents to sign up for appointments. These appointments will be in person this time; however you are welcome to wear a mask if you feel anxious about being in school.

I am sure you will understand why my letter is shorter this week, I will return to sharing news and information next Friday.

Take care and enjoy your family weekends.

Kind regards,

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Executive Headteacher  
Aspire Federation