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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to our Accident and Injury Reporting Procedure- EYFS

Some of you may have already noticed that your child has been bringing home new accident slips. However, for those who haven't, we wanted to take this opportunity to explain these changes.

Following new EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) guidance, we have made a change to our accident and injury reporting procedures in Nursery and Reception.

Since September, Nursery and Reception children receive an accident slip for every injury, no matter how minor. This includes small bumps, grazes and all other minor accidents. All injuries are already recorded in our own first aid logs but this is also to ensure injuries, even minor, are communicated to parents and carers consistently.

For more significant injuries, we will continue to call you as we currently do. You may also receive a message from us via Arbor for things such as minor head bumps and nose bleeds depending on the severity.

We do appreciate that receiving accident slips may give the impression that your child is having more accidents or getting hurt more frequently. However, please be reassured that young children are naturally active, curious and are still developing their coordination and awareness of their surroundings. Minor bumps and scrapes can happen during every day play and learning. You can hear more about this in Paul's '[Children are Learning Life](#)' video.

The increase in accident slips reflects our updated reporting procedures, rather than indicating an increase in the number of accidents occurring.

We hope this clarifies these changes and reassures you that your child's safety and wellbeing remain our highest priority.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Murphy | *Inclusion Officer*

