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Dear Parent/Carers,

Can you help?

We are currently in discussion about keeping Guinea Pigs in Class 1. Research shows that an animal friendly school has a number of benefits. These include:

- Promoting a sense of responsibility and respect towards living things
- Teaching children about animals and their needs
- Encouraging empathy and understanding of animals

Obviously, there is a cost factor involved with keeping pets. The children have raised some money at their recent 'Cake Sale', which would support us with this project. However, we will have the ongoing costs of looking after the Guinea Pigs to think about, as well as the equipment needed to home and care for them. Could you help us? Below is a list of items we were hoping families may be able to donate:

- Guinea pig outdoor run
- Guinea pig cage (4x2 foot)
- Guinea pig toys and tunnels
- Guinea pig bowls and water bottles

Please speak to Mrs Lewis if you can help in any way. We have been thinking very carefully about providing the best environment in which to care for the Guinea Pigs. Once we have looked into the costs and assessed the risks to ensure the children and animals have a safe learning environment; we will contact families again to discuss your thoughts and possible concerns.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Comfort'.

Ms H Comfort

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