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Dear Parent / Carers

I would like to add some more information to my sad announcement this morning of the passing of our friend and colleague, Mr David Thompson.

Mr Thompson was an outstanding teacher who cared very deeply about the success and wellbeing of each and every one of his pupils and students. We will all miss him very much and will spend many difficult moments over the coming days and weeks grieving his loss.

In order to support our pupils and students at this difficult time, we have arranged to have counsellors available during the school day to assist with their questions and grief which accompany such a difficult situation. Experiencing and hearing of a traumatic incident, such as this, may affect a child in a variety of ways; therefore it is important to ensure that ample opportunity is provided to enable pupils and students to talk and ask questions. For some, it may also remind them of another loss in their lives and for others, it may be the first time this has happened. Whatever the issues are, we are here to support our school community.

As pupils and students have already requested, in the coming weeks we will organise an event in order to remember Mr Thompson. For now, we have lowered our Academy flag to half-mast as a token of respect and any flowers and remembrance messages may be placed around it. Also, from tomorrow we will have a Book of Remembrance in school for pupils to sign, if they wish.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if we can be of additional assistance to you and/or your child at this difficult time.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Mr Thompson's family, friends and colleagues.

Yours sincerely

Mr Luckhurst
Principal
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