

4th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding today as staff came to terms with the tragic death of Mr Dyson. Colleagues have come together to share memories of a beloved colleague and friend.

On Tuesday we welcome back the pupils for what will be an emotional day for everyone. Pupils will be expected in school at the normal time, with Registration beginning at 8.35am. Registration will be extended until 9.05am, so that information can be shared with the pupils. It will also allow them time to connect with friends and process what has happened.

Lessons 2-5 will continue as normal, with the pupils returning to their forms for the final lesson of the day. During this period, there will be a virtual assembly and activities where the children share their memories of Mr Dyson and how best we can remember him. School will finish as normal at 3.05pm.

During the day, support will be on hand for any child who is struggling emotionally, as we understand that this is an experience that some will find difficult. Grief can impact on people in different ways and we want to ensure that we help our young people through this.

A team of educational psychologists, counsellors and other trained staff will be available in school to support pupils when they need it. There will also be safe spaces provided where pupils can seek help. If you are worried or concerned that your child will struggle, please contact the school and we will ensure that they are picked up by a member of staff.

A book of condolence will be opened in the Hall, which the children can sign during break, lunch and after school. A space has also been made by the school gates for any flowers or tributes that people wish to share.

Moments like this are where the school community pulls together and supports one another. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Weatherhogg Headteacher

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