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Dear Parents,

I am writing to share with you the some sad news regarding our community. Some of you may already be aware that one of our younger pupils has suffered a bereavement in the past week, with the death of his mum.

Our whole school family has been shocked and saddened to hear this tragic news and we have been working together to support this little boy and his family. Throughout the course of this week, we have been in close contact with the family and they have given permission for us to share this sad news with you, particularly as some pupils have been talking about it and trying to make sense of their own feelings.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great kindness and compassion you have already shown, not just for the family, but for each other within the community. The children closest to this child know what has happened and have been showing him such care and being really kind. Our academy staff have been working to offer bespoke support at this time and have shown great strength.

We know that we all, children and adults, will have very different experiences of bereavement and therefore this news will affect us all differently. If you would like some support or advice, there are good resources out there, including support about how to talk this through, if your child is worried.

The following resource we know to be particularly helpful:
Child Bereavement Uk website. <https://childbereavementuk.org/>
As always, we are here to offer support, please do chat with our Family Support Team or a member of academy staff should you wish to make an appointment.

Once again our heartfelt condolences go out to our pupil, his family and friends who have been affected by this tragic death. Thank you for the kind words of support that many of you have offered for both the child, his family, but also to our academy staff.

Yours sincerely



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