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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the tragic passing of one of our pupils, Zak Mitchell from Year Five. As many of you may be aware, Zak had been bravely battling cancer and we take solace in the knowledge that he is now at peace, free from suffering. I am certain that you will all join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Zak's family and friends during this profoundly difficult time.

For those of you who knew Zak, I encourage you to remember and celebrate his vibrant life. He was a lively character, full of spirit, whose greatest joy came from playing football. His enthusiasm was infectious, and he touched the hearts of many within our school community.

For those who may not have been acquainted with Zak, we kindly ask for your understanding and respect as we navigate through our collective sorrow. It is essential for us as a school to come together and maintain a sense of normality, supporting all our pupils and staff through this challenging period.

The death of a young person is an incredibly hard reality for all of us to confront. Therefore, our school's pastoral care, alongside members of our local church and the Wigan Family Welfare Service, are dedicated to providing counselling and support for all pupils, particularly those in Year Five, as well as our staff. We also extend this support to any parents or carers who may need it.

Your child may come home with questions and worries and I urge you to address these with sensitivity and openness. The following link to the Child Bereavement UK website offers valuable advice and support for young people and their families.

[Supporting bereaved children and young people | Child Bereavement UK](#)

Should you or your child require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I know that you will join me in conveying our heartfelt condolences to Zak's family. With their consent, I will reach out to you regarding funeral arrangements as soon as we have the necessary information.

Once again, please feel free to contact the school office should you have any questions or concerns. We will keep Zak and his family in our prayers and thoughts during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr. S. Hardaker
Headteacher

