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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. The last week has been among the most difficult I have experienced as Headteacher at St Luke's. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and understanding during this challenging time. It is a true testament to our school community that everyone has come together, demonstrating compassion and solidarity for one another.

I would like to inform you that the funeral of Zak will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Wednesday 11 December at 11:00 am. In light of this, the scheduled Junior Christmas Carol Concert, planned for the same time, has been rescheduled to Friday 13 December at 10:00 am. Please rest assured that all allocated tickets will automatically be transferred to this new date. However, should you wish to change your tickets or require an alternative date, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

In honour of Zak's love for football, the family has requested that those attending the funeral wear football shirts, scarves, or hats. Accordingly, we would like to encourage all pupils to wear a sports shirt, scarf, or hat to school on the day of the funeral. While we recommend a football shirt, we understand that not every child may support a football team.

The funeral procession will pass by the school and we would like all Junior classes to line the pavement to show our respect. Several members of staff will be attending the funeral and we assure you that all classes will be adequately covered during this time. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I am aware that many families from Year 5, as well as students from other year groups, will be attending the funeral. The family welcomes as many of Zak's friends as possible to join in this remembrance. I fully respect each family's decision regarding their children's attendance at the funeral. Regardless of this choice, support will be available at school for all pupils. It is essential that we come together to celebrate the life of Zak on what will undoubtedly be a poignant day, whilst also taking the opportunity to pay our respects.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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