March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we lost one of our very much loved colleagues suddenly last week. Dr Hargreaves’ funeral arrangements have now been shared with staff and as we are very much a School family, the vast majority of the staff would like to attend to support his wife and children on this very sad and difficult day. Respectfully, to this end, **School will be closed on Wednesday 16th March (next Wednesday)**, to allow staff to say goodbye to Dr Hargreaves, who was an enormously respected and esteemed member of our St Gabriel’s family.

All work will be set for the day on Show My Homework in order that students can still access their learning. Staff will ensure the work is on there before the start of the School day.

**If any parents are unable to make alternate childcare arrangements for this day, we ask that you contact School by the end of the School day on Monday 14th March** to let us know, in order that we can ask for volunteers to remain in School and not attend Dr Hargreaves’ funeral, but supervise students whilst they learn online on the School premises. However, we would ask that wherever possible, parents and carers are mindful and sensitive to the fact that in this tragic circumstance, we would like to stand together as a St Gabriel’s family.

Dr Hargreaves’ family have asked that flowers are not sent, but details will follow in the forthcoming days for donations to the Shine Foundation. SHINE is an education charity that works with Teachers, Schools, and other organisations, helping disadvantaged children in the North of England to fulfil their true potential.

We would like to express our most sincere thanks for all the lovely messages of support we have received and cards to pass to Dr Hargreaves’ family. We would like to reassure you all that we are supporting his family wherever we can and we greatly appreciate all your kindness and compassion at this very sad time.

God bless



Head Teacher