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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to all families today with the extremely sad news that unfortunately, one of our staff members, Louise Walton, who recently became very poorly, sadly died yesterday. News like this is obviously most sad and tragic for the family but it is also news that is likely to affect some of our students within the Redwood Community. Louise was based at our REEC site, so after consideration, we have decided it was only necessary to share this news with the students based at REEC and on our Internship.

We have informed these students within their form groups, using language that is appropriate to their levels of understanding. We have largely maintained the normal daily routine as we are aware that this helps children to feel safe and secure. We also know that staying connected with their friends and familiar adults from school can also support children and young people through sad and difficult times, so we would encourage everyone to come into school as normal.

We have talked about the range of different emotions they may feel in response to this sad news and have reassured them that all these different emotions are ok. Some of our young people may experience these feelings for several days or even weeks and this is also, ok.

We have explained to them that the daily routine will remain the same but that they will also be able to talk to familiar adults in school at any time about any worries or sad feelings they may have about this news.

If you have any concerns about your children's wellbeing and response to this news please do share your concerns with us in school.

Thank you as always for your continued support and care for our community.

Yours sincerely

Ms C John
Headteacher

