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Dear Parents, Carers., Students and Staff

It is with deep sadness that I write to inform you of the death of one of our longest serving and dedicated members of staff.

Miss Liane Crosby, currently sharing responsibility for Yellow class, passed away on Monday evening the 03<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. We had confirmation of her death from her next of kin on Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Families with a student in her current class were notified by telephone call on Wednesday and support work has been undertaken this morning with the class group. Class staff, myself and our ELSA (*Emotional Literacy and Support Assistant, Mrs Sharpes*) have shared examples of Liane's kindness and care and students have been engaged in a range of activities to remember their teacher.

Liane was a member of the Hollywater School Community for 17 years and will be deeply missed by all those she taught and those who were her colleagues and friends. She was hugely committed to the Girl Guiding Association, who have also been informed.

We will continue to work with the students over the coming weeks and an Assembly will be held for the whole school on Monday.

As parents and carers it is your right to share this information as you see fit. If you require support from the school via social stories or would like us to tell your student please ring reception and let us know.

When someone dies, young people may experience many different feelings, such as sadness or anger. Some pupils may feel shocked and be upset by the news, while others may be confused or numb. These reactions are all normal. We will try to answer their questions in school, using age-appropriate and honest language and social stories to explain her passing.

Liane loved Mr Men books and we will hold a Mr Men Day to celebrate her contribution to the school in the last week of the Academic Year. A book of condolences has been arranged and will be available in the school reception area for you to record a message for her father if you wish to.



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If you would like more information about speaking to children and young people about death, please visit the Child Bereavement UK website

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/> or Winston's Wish <https://www.winstonswish.org/>

Our thoughts are with Liane's family and friends at this time.

Yours Sincerely



Maria-Brigid Ryan



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