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Dear Parents and carers,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that over the weekend, Miss Alex Conville, a highly respected, long-standing and much loved member of our teaching support staff, has died suddenly. She had not been poorly and so this has been a great shock for everyone.

All children in school, from years 1 to 6, have been told of her death today in their own classrooms and many will be reacting to this news. When someone dies, young people may experience many different feelings, such as sadness or anger. Some pupils may feel shocked and upset by the news, while others may be confused or numb. These reactions are all normal.

They were told that Miss Conville had collapsed and experienced a significant bleed on her brain which meant that the doctors were not able to make her better. It was also explained to them that this was a rare thing to have happened.

We have tried, and will continue to, answer their questions in school, using age-appropriate and honest language. For more information about speaking to children and young people about death, visit the Child Bereavement UK website: www.childbereavementuk.org

On behalf of the whole Chapel Street community I have expressed our sympathy to Miss Conville's family and we will continue to support them at this difficult time. They have asked me to share with you that, the children and families at Chapel Street meant a huge amount to Miss Conville and that she loved working here with everyone.

In the weeks to come we will find an appropriate way to celebrate the life that Miss Conville had with us over nearly twenty years at Chapel Street, together with the significant contribution she made. This will include opportunity for children, parents / carers and staff to share any memories or messages of condolences.

Please let school know if your child or family need further support in relation to this sad news, either because of your relationship with Miss Conville or because it is triggering in relation to your experiences of bereavement.

Thank you for your understanding whilst school responds to this very sad news and we support our community together.

Mrs E. Hughes
Headteacher

