



20th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness and regret that I am writing to inform you that our friend and colleague, Neill Cahill, Assistant Headteacher, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning after a relatively short period of illness. As I am sure that parents and carers can imagine, this is a huge shock to the staff at the school, as well as governors, trustees and students. Neill was an exceptional teacher, leader, friend and colleague throughout his career; his absence from the Vyners community has been felt and he will be painfully missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his immediate friends and family.

All staff and governors are aware of Mr Cahill's passing and we have informed all students of the sad news during special assemblies this morning. We will be providing some additional access to the school counselling service to any member of the school community who requires it. However, if parents and carers do feel that their child is finding Mr Cahill's passing to be particularly challenging, they should contact their child's Year Leader in the first instance.

An online book of remembrance will be opened during the week for the wider school community. I will ensure that all families are made aware of this. We will also ensure that all families are made aware of any other events or activities that are put in place to remember and celebrate Mr Cahill's life.

In the short term, I would ask that parents and carers be mindful of the impact that Mr Cahill's death has had on the staff at the school and to only contact members of staff directly about other matters this week if absolutely necessary.

Thank you in advance for your support

Yours sincerely

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