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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a great sadness of loss that I write to inform you that Reverend Jonathan Stott sadly passed away peacefully on Tuesday 29 November. The passing of Jonathan has deeply affected all who belong to our school community.

Although he battled illness for sometime, he became increasingly ill over the last few weeks. Now he is with God in a better place with his suffering gone. God will never give us more suffering than we bear.

Through his role as a school governor, a Reverend and a friend he was everything a spiritual leader should be. God gives examples on his earth of how we should live our lives and Jonathan was one of the best examples I know. He will be sadly missed by us all.

When someone dies, children and adults may experience many different emotions. These will vary for everyone. If you feel it is appropriate to discuss the passing of Reverend Jonathan Stott with your children, then please do so.

Staff will be prepared to try and answer the childrens questions in an honest and age-appropriate way. Our Pastoral Care will also be available to support any children and staff. If you require support and information about speaking to children about death there are some useful resources on Child Bereavement UK website <u>https://www.childbereavementuk.org/</u>

I am sure that you will all join me in expressing your condolences and letting Jonathan's family know that they are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr S Hardaker Headteacher

