



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Bereavement of a Staff Member**

It is with a very heavy heart that I am writing to inform you of the recent bereavement of Sarah Vaughan, one of our lunchtime supervisors in school. Pupils in school (Year 1 – Year 6) have also been informed of this very sad news today.

Sarah had been unwell in recent weeks and was being treated in hospital. Unfortunately, her condition deteriorated and she died in hospital at the weekend. Sarah was a very valued member of the school community as one of our much loved lunchtime supervisors. She was extremely popular with staff and pupils alike and loved her role in school, looking forward to coming to school each day. I myself consider myself very fortunate to know her and know this is also true for so many of the school community. We know she will be missed by everyone who knew her.

When someone dies, young people may experience many different feelings, such as sadness, anger or confusion. Some pupils may feel shocked and upset by the news, while others may be confused or numb. These reactions are all normal. We have tried to be open and honest but sensitive when speaking to the children and they have also been told that the adults in school will endeavour to answer any of their questions at school. We appreciate that some children may need some additional support in the coming weeks and months and if you do think this is something that your children would benefit from, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk). Similarly, please do not hesitate to ring the school if there is anything else we can do. For more information about speaking to children and young people about death and bereavement, visit the Child Bereavement UK website [Child Bereavement UK](https://www.childbereavementuk.org/).

We will be in touch with details of how we will celebrate/remember Sarah at Spalding Parish, including the development of a Book of Memories and Reflections. As part of this if any of the children would like to make cards, write or draw messages or even create a piece of artwork we would be very pleased to receive these.

As always thank you all for your continued support. I hope you will also join me in sending our thoughts, love and prayers to her family and friends at this difficult time, especially her daughter Meg and her sister Helen.

Kind Regards,

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Head Teacher



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