



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

## **Ankermoor Primary Academy**

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Dear parents/carers,

Given the events of the last week, I am so sorry to have to write to you with some very sad news.

Many of you will remember our former Headteacher, Mr Richard Burns. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Richard passed away just after Christmas.

Mr Burns was a teacher who our children had a real affection for, and someone who was known and well-liked by so many members of our community. Although he left several months ago, he retained links with the school and will be sorely missed.

We have spoken at length to Richard's family, and we have passed on the thoughts and prayers of our whole community. While the full details are not fully known, we understand that his death is not directly linked with Covid.

It was our intention to write to you all about this at the start of term. Other events sadly overtook this, and we wanted you and your children to at least start to get used to the new routine before letting you know.

The lockdown does, however, mean that it is difficult for us to inform the children ourselves. Given the current challenges all families are facing, and the fact that Mr Burns had not been at school for several months, we ask that you consider if and how you tell your child. Parents will make different decisions about this, so please do treat this information sensitively.

If we can be of any support, then please do get in touch and we will do all that we can for you and your child.

Kind regards,

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Maria Hamblin CEO