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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Announcement – Mr David Symons

It is with great sadness that we share the news of David Symon's passing, one of our dedicated school governors, who died on Saturday 1st November.

Dave was a committed and stalwart member of our governing body and he played a valuable role in supporting the direction and vision of our school since 1987. His contribution, guidance, and care for our school community will be greatly missed. He really was the epitome of 'contribution', one of school vision words. Dave served as Chair of Governors for over 20 years but in most recent years, he was ably supported by Matthew Evans in a co-chair capacity. Matthew will continue to drive the school's governance to new heights in Dave's absence.

We understand that this news may be upsetting. Staff have been informed, and we will continue to support pupils sensitively should this be brought up in school. If your child is affected or needs someone to talk to, please let us know so that we can offer appropriate support.

We kindly ask that the family's privacy is respected at this difficult time. Any further updates may be shared, in line with the family's wishes in due course. At an appropriate moment, we will mark Dave's passing with a fitting memorial in school, but in the meantime we are opening up a book of condolence, this will be available at both Lower and Upper site, should you wish to write a message. Alternatively, you may fill in the slip below and we will ensure your words are placed into the book.

With sincere sympathy,

Mr Lee Smith
Headteacher

Please write your memories or condolences below:

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Please return no later than Friday 28th November

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