



# ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with deep sadness that I write to inform you of the death of one of our children, Ethan Lord. We learned yesterday from Sarah and Steve, Ethan's parents, that Ethan died peacefully at Forget Me Not Hospice with his family beside him. Ethan attended St. Andrew's Junior and St. Andrew's Infant Schools before taking ill a couple of years ago. More recently, he had a lovely time at Highbury School where he made a positive impact on everyone that he met and made some lovely friends. He was dear member of current class India and a beloved twin brother of Madison.

I am asking that you break the sad news to your own children so that they are aware before we return to school tomorrow. I understand that there will be a huge outpouring of grief throughout the community at this news. Throughout the upcoming days, we will be spending time talking to the children about Ethan's death in an age-appropriate way and we will include stories and activities to support with this. We will also be receiving support from Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Our pastoral team will be available for both our children and parents to support them through the coming weeks.

May I ask that, out of respect for Ethan's family, you are sensitive and respect their privacy throughout this extremely difficult time.

Our whole community will be keeping Ethan's family in our thoughts and prayers and I know you will join us in sending our love and condolences to his family.

Yours faithfully,

Amanda Jocelyn  
Executive Headteacher