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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, last week we lost our friend and colleague, Cheryl Hadley.

Cheryl's family have now notified us that her funeral will be held on Friday 2nd October. Our **school will be fully closed** on this date as a mark of respect and will re-open for all pupils on Monday 5th October as usual.

Cheryl was the front face of our Academy and her loss has left a huge void that will be difficult to fill. It is so important to all school staff that we take this day to pay our respects, share memories, celebrate Cheryl's life and show our love and support to her husband Mark.

As time moves on, we will come together as a school to think of how we can most appropriately remember Cheryl and all she has done for our Academy in her almost 20 years of service. For now, we are focused on saying our goodbyes to our friend.

Thank you for your understanding,

Mrs Carrier
Head Teacher

