



14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your understanding during this difficult time for our school community. We have been inundated with messages of condolence and support throughout the last two weeks. The pupils themselves have responded respectfully, writing lovely messages to Mr Dyson and his family. Some have even gone as far as fundraising for a charity to be chosen by his family. The pupils are a credit to the school and their families.

Partial Closure – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

We now have a date for Mr Dyson's memorial service. This will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024. A large number of staff have indicated a wish to attend this. As a result, the school will close at 11.50am on that day.

The pupils will attend at 8.35am as normal. Periods 1-3 will follow the usual timetable. Pupils will then be dismissed at the end of Period 3.

Work will be set for all pupils to complete for Periods 5 and 6. This work can be accessed on Class Charts. If parent or carer does not have access to Class Charts, please contact the school and we will provide login details. All pupils do have a log in for this package.

Any child who receives free school meals will be able to pick up their lunch in Oasis before they leave school. To support our Catering team and avoid unnecessary food waste, please can you either call Reception 01384 816015 or email [info@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk) to confirm your child's requirement for a 'grab bag' lunch by 3pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The Textiles and Graphics mock exams scheduled for that day will now take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

While the decision to close the school is never taken lightly, I hope you understand that Mr Dyson's colleagues wish to pay their respects to someone they worked so closely with over such a long period.

Presentation Evening – Change of Date.

Due to its close proximity to the memorial service, we have taken the decision to delay the Presentation Evening scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This will now take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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