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Dear Parent/Guardian

Bereavement

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you about a recent loss to our school community. On Wednesday 12 October we learnt that Mrs Jennifer Teale had died following her battle with cancer. Jenni worked at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading from 2018 as a member of our Behaviour and Inclusion team. She was a much loved member of staff who worked tirelessly to support some of our most vulnerable students. Staff and students who worked with Jenni and knew her well will find this a very challenging and emotional time.

We have notified all students this morning of Jenni's death and provided them with a number of resources for support; we have provided some information below that may be useful to you in helping your child at home, the links will also be added onto google classroom. A triage and necessary support will be in place throughout the day for students.

If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school at MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org in the first instance.

Further support for students

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/help-for-teenagers-young-adults-and-students/bereavement-and-young-people/>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/listing/category/support-for-young-people>

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-support/supporting-children-and-young-people/referring-children-and-teenagers-to-cruse/>

<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-support/helpline/>

Yours sincerely

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