



8 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: The sad and untimely passing of Teresa Hughes, HLTA.

I hope you have all had an enjoyable break over the Easter holiday.

I am sorry for having to write to you on the first day of term, but it is with great sadness that I need to inform you of the sad passing of our dear colleague and friend, Teresa Hughes, over the Easter holiday.

She was a respected, active and well-loved member of our Finham Park School family. Indeed, she has been a part of the fixtures and fittings that make Finham so special for over 26 years. The students with special educational needs and disabilities that she supported all have an enriched life as a result of her direct input and support into their education and pastoral development. She was a firm advocate of self improvement as she believed that to be the key to ensuring she could give the children and young people in her care the very best opportunities and life chances that they deserved.

The children will be told the news by me in their period 3 lesson this morning. Enhanced support is being given to students who were currently receiving her direct input and support.

If you think your child/ren would like to speak to someone professionally about this news, we have counsellors on site as well as online support packages they can access. Just click on the email addresses and links below.

wellbeing@finhampark.co.uk

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This is a sad time in the life of our school community with staff and pupils clearly affected by Teresa's sudden passing. It is a shock. Thank you for your support as always as together we look to support each other and our young people during life's challenges.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop
Headteacher