



10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Mr Plester, Headteacher of Finham Park 2**

You may be aware by now of the sad news we learned of the sudden and unexpected passing of our trusted colleague and very dear friend, Russell Plester, Headteacher of Finham Park 2, over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Some of our students knew Russell personally, some will have met him briefly whilst others may have siblings at FP2. I therefore spoke to your child/ren this morning to make them aware of the news and offer support through the school.

Russell was such a 'life and soul' part of our community having served Finham Park School's families for many years. He enriched so many of our lives in so many ways and will be dearly remembered as part of the fabric of who we are. He is someone I will treasure forever.

Instrumental in setting up FP2, he guided its growth with skill, ease and relentless enthusiasm; something that will always be cherished. His humour, wisdom and sage advice will never be forgotten but will go on to help future generations.

Our school is providing support for colleagues and students at FP2 as well as our own. Counsellors are being provided for staff and students who need to talk to someone. If you think your child/ren would like to talk with someone, please do let their mentor know.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chris Bishop  
Headteacher