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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sorry to be writing with the tragic news that a much-loved member of our Appleton teaching staff, Emma Read, passed away after a courageous battle with illness.

Emma will be deeply missed by our whole Appleton family. She was an amazing and caring tutor, a well loved and inspirational teacher in our Modern Foreign Languages Faculty and was not only a fierce champion of our young people but also of her local community, where she was well known and admired for her annual volunteering at a children's holiday music camp as well as her support organising events such as quizzes and bingo to keep spirits up during the pandemic.

This is heartbreaking news and our immediate thoughts and prayers are with Emma's family and friends at this very difficult time.

Our school staff have been informed today and we wished to make sure you were aware so you could speak to your child this evening.

Please be aware that this sad news has impacted on the availability of a small number of staff at Year 7 Parents Consultative Evening today. If parents wish to contact these colleagues after the half term break, via: [info@theappletonschool.org](mailto:info@theappletonschool.org) the school will make arrangements to update you about your child's progress in these subjects. We thank you for your understanding and support at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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