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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that the school recently received the news that our former colleague and dear friend, Adrian Devine, has passed away.

Adrian worked at Hailey Hall School across three separate periods of employment spanning more than 25 years. During that time, he made an enormous contribution to the school community and positively impacted the lives of countless young people. Many former and current pupils, staff and families have benefitted from his dedication, kindness and unwavering commitment to supporting others. He leaves behind a lasting legacy at Hailey Hall School and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Adrian's funeral will take place on the afternoon of Friday 3rd July. Due to the significant number of current staff who wish to attend and pay their respects, it will not be possible for the school to remain open that afternoon.

As a result, **Hailey Hall School will close early on Friday 3rd July**, with the school day ending at **12:30pm**. Pupils will be transported home at that time, and we will make all necessary transport arrangements directly with providers and families where required.

I have worked hard to ensure that the educational impact on pupils is kept to an absolute minimum. Pupils will miss only two lessons as a result of this arrangement, and lunch will still be provided, albeit slightly earlier than usual.

I appreciate your understanding and support in these very sad circumstances. This decision has not been taken lightly, but it is important that colleagues have the opportunity to come together to celebrate Adrian's life and honour the immense contribution he made to our school community.

I know that Adrian would have appreciated this gesture, and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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