

# WALMSLEY CE SCHOOL

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**HEADTEACHER: MRS JOANNA ATHERTON**

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that over the weekend, Mrs Julie Markland, a highly respected and much loved member of our Walmsley CE School family has passed away.

The children in Key Stage Two have been told of her death today and as anticipated, a number of them are upset. Support is in place and will continue to be both from school staff and the Local Authority.

On behalf of the school community I have expressed our sympathy to her family. I hope in the weeks to come we will find an appropriate way to celebrate the life that she had with us here at our school, together with the significant contribution she has made.

When someone dies, their family and friends have lots of feelings - sadness, anger and confusion - which are all normal. The children have been told that their teachers will try and answer their questions at school, but I have made available some information which may help you to answer your child's questions as they arise at home. Please contact the school office should you like a copy.

I am sure that our staff and many of our older children will treasure very special memories of Mrs Markland and the impact she had on their lives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Atherton  
Headteacher

