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Dear Parents and Carers in Year 6,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Harrison's dad. Harrison is a member of 6 Turquoise.

Tomorrow the Year 6 Team and I will lead a circle time to tell the children, to give them opportunity to ask questions and to share their thoughts. After this circle time the children will be told that it is Harrison's wish that, on his return, he does not wish to discuss it with his peers but thanks them for being understanding of his sadness. If your child is one of Harrison's close friends the message is slightly different and we will be in contact to discuss this further.

Many feelings and questions are likely to follow when someone passes away, often provoking a child to have questions about death. These questions can be complex and challenging for both the child and adult. I have therefore attached a link to Winston's wish, that hopes to offer some guidance for parents/carers on how to answer questions a child might have in relation to death, grief and loss.

https://www.winstonswish.org/telling-a-child-someone-has-died/

If there is anything we can support you or your child/ren, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Year 6 Team.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Goodwin Head of School