



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day; Working Together.

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great sadness that I share this news with you in regards to a highly valued member of our school team.

On Monday 15th May, Miss Rebecca Prince, teacher of Wollaton Deer class died suddenly. This has been a horrible shock to the whole of the Crabtree team and we are still all trying to make sense of this tragic loss. Miss Prince has worked with us for over 8 years and has taught many children that are currently in school.

Later this afternoon we are going to talk to all the children throughout school about the death of Miss Prince. This will be done in class with their class teacher, so that it is delivered in an age appropriate, sensitive and thoughtful manner.

As you collect your children from school this afternoon they may have questions for you and they may need a little support to understand what this means. Each of you and your families will have different experience around dealing with death, some more recent than others and for some it may be the first time for this conversation. We will support your children in school as they come to terms with this loss, for some it will hit harder than others. We know that we all deal differently in this situation and there is no right or wrong way to deal with this.

Here are some links that you may find helpful in supporting both yourself and your children:

[Children and bereavement - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
[Explaining death and dying to children | Child Bereavement UK](#)
[How to talk to your child about grief | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](http://barnardos.org.uk)

As you can appreciate it is very early days and I need to speak with the family of Miss Prince to know what their wishes are moving forward in how we celebrate her life and contribution to our school.

For now, please let us all support each other at this incredibly sad time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Haskey
Head Teacher