



We Make A Difference

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Death of Mrs Deborah Dixon

Last week, we were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our much-loved colleague and friend, Mrs Deborah Dixon, after a long illness.

Mrs Dixon made a difference at Meadowhead for over 19 years. She became a Pastoral Manager in the days when those roles were new to English schools and she set the standard for those that followed: combining kindness and warm generosity with a steely determination to help students be the best versions of themselves. Latterly, she served in the safeguarding team which benefited immensely from her wisdom and experience.

Students who worked closely with Mrs Dixon were informed towards the end of last week and tomorrow we will share the news with all students during form time. If possible, please share the contents of this letter with your child/children before they return to school tomorrow. During this form time, we will also offer some advice about dealing with a bereavement and the nature of grief. Further support will be available from Year Teams and the School Pastors – please contact your child's Year Team if you would like them to access this support.

We are opening a book of condolence to gather tributes from students, staff, parents, and alumni – if you would like to contribute please email your memories to enquiries@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk.

Many members of Meadowhead staff are participating in Weston Park Cancer Charity's Walk as One in Mrs Dixon's memory. More details about this can be found here: <https://walk-as-one.raisely.com/kevin-elliott>

Further down the line, we will also look to find a permanent way to mark her contribution to Meadowhead, for now all our thoughts are with her family and friends. As a school and community, we know we will miss her dearly.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Grewal-Joy
Headteacher