

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

I am sorry to tell you that a member of our staff, Mr Duncan McPherson has recently passed away. Duncan worked for City Academy as a Teaching Assistant. The children who worked closely with him have been told this week, and many will have been upset at the news.

I am sure there will also be parents who may be saddened by the news. You may find your child has questions to ask which we will answer in an age appropriate way in school, but if you feel you would like more support and advice yourself, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. You may also find some very useful advice and resources online at [www.childbereavement.org.uk](http://www.childbereavement.org.uk)

Following discussion with Duncan's family, we are planning on planting a memorial tree where students can visit and reflect.

I am sorry to be the bearer of sad news, but an occurrence like this impacts the whole school community. I am confident we will be able to guide and support the children through this difficult experience.

Best wishes



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Principal, City Academy

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