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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that our site agent and dearly loved member of our Gothic Mede Academy family, Karen Coveney, had been absent from school for a while. This was due to her having had treatment for cancer and encountering several related complications. Despite Karen's determination, I'm very sorry to say that she passed away at the end of December. Karen was loved by so many members of our community and staff returned to school this term very upset to have lost such a friend and colleague. Her absence was keenly felt.

As I got to know Karen, I came to know two great loves in her life – her family and her horses (although some of her family might argue not in that order!) Our hearts go out to her husband, children and grandchildren. This is a really difficult time for them, and we send them our sympathies and wishes of love. Karen was especially proud of her grandchildren and would talk at length about them and what they had achieved. She was full of love for her whole family.

Karen was also, as already mentioned, a very determined lady. This was seen in all that she did and you could not have found a more dedicated member of staff. When I spoke to her during her absence, her focus was always on returning to work and this was not just a line for her boss, or because anything would be better than what she was going through, Karen loved her work and being able to make a difference in the community. She also had a great sense of humour. Working with Karen was a joy and it was always a pleasure to have a chat and share a joke with her. This was often at 7:00am when she had already spent an hour or so with her horses before she came to work! I miss working with Karen, for lots of reasons.

I know that Karen was loved by lots of families in our community and many of you will also miss her dearly. I'm sure that you will all join me in sending our condolences and thoughts to her family at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thomas Clarke  
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