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Dear Parents and Guardians,

School closure - Thursday 3rd December 2020

As you are aware, our Headteacher Mr Parker, sadly passed away in October. We have now been informed of the plans for his funeral which will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 1.30pm. Understandably there are many people in the school community who would have wanted to attend Mr Parker’s funeral but due to government restrictions this is not possible in person as spaces at St Matthew and St Oswald's Church are by invitation only. To enable people to virtually attend the funeral, Mr Parker’s family have arranged for the service to be live streamed via the church YouTube Channel and we will be closing the school for the day.

The service is available for pupils, staff and families to access from home via the following link: <https://youtu.be/1shjQSuQJVkx>

The family have requested that flowers are not sent and they may provide the details of Mr Parker’s favourite charity for donations which I will share with you at a later date.

The online book of condolence is still open if you would like to contribute. Messages will be printed and presented to Mr Parker's family. The link is: <https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/colin-parkercondolences/>

For some of the pupils, the news of Mr Parker's funeral will prompt an emotional response which I encourage them to talk about; be it with a friend or with a professional. If you would like the school to help your son with any feelings of grief please contact their Year Leader.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and for your understanding in these sad circumstances.

Yours faithfully

Ms Sarah Lewsey
 Acting Headteacher

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