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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you today, to inform you, of the passing of Mr Kevin Spence. Mr Spence worked across a number of our academies for many years, delivering drama lessons and helping our pupils understand the 'arts' in a fun and accessible way. I saw many of his lessons as I visited the academies and admired his ability to bring classical literature to life!

I know those of you who knew Mr Spence will be deeply saddened by this news. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Over the next few days, we will be holding some assemblies with the pupils in order to support them with this news. These will be held sensitively so that the pupils can hear the news directly from us and not through social media channels. This will allow our pupils to talk and ask questions. We wanted to write to you first because you may want to discuss this with your child(ren) prior to us holding these.

Over coming few weeks, we will think of a way collectively that we can honour Mr Spence's memory so that his legacy is continued through our work.

Thank you in anticipating your full support,

**Kindest Regards** 

CEO and National Leader of Education