



Thornhill Academy

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Dear pupils, parents and carers,

Following the sad and tragic news about the passing of Mr Jones the family have requested that the hearse (car) carrying Mr Jones drives past Thornhill Academy on its way to his funeral on Friday 12th June. As a mark of respect we are closing the school and with your help I would like to line the front of school with pupils in **full school uniform** and their families as a mark of respect as he makes his final journey to the Crematorium. I appreciate this is a big ask and totally understand if pupils, parents and carers can't support this request, however Mr Jones has taught at Thornhill since 2003 and has been a major part of his life.

The hearse transporting Mr Jones will pass school between 10.30 and 10.45, therefore any families who wish to take part in this solemn occasion need to arrive between 10.15 and 10.30. The barriers along Thornholme Road will be marked with signs as we must adhere to the social distancing guidelines which are being implemented at this time. Staff will be on hand to direct pupils and parents to a designated marker, once the procession has passed then the staff will leave to attend the crematorium and pupils, parents and carers are asked to disperse and return home to avoid any type of mass gathering. Parking will be available within the school grounds as the surrounding streets are permit holder only and patrolled regularly. Any flowers or tributes which pupils wish to bring to school can be laid on the new decked stage within the school grounds.

May I encourage you to attend this event as I know the family of Mr Jones wants his funeral to be a celebration of his life and Thornhill was somewhere which he both valued and was proud to be a part of.

Thank you

Mr Redford

Headteacher