

16th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

I am writing to inform you of some very sad news affecting our academy community. We learned yesterday that Mrs Small, teacher of Art, had sadly died following an illness.

Mrs Small had been a teacher at Joseph Leckie for almost ten years and was much loved by her colleagues and students alike. We have informed our students of this news during form time this morning and support has been in place throughout the day for any students were particularly affected by the news.

As you can imagine, the news of Mrs Small's death has had a significant impact on the whole academy community and we have been united today in our shock and our sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Small's family and friends as well as with her colleagues and students she taught in her Art classes.

We will continue to offer support to everyone in the academy community and it may be that your child wishes to talk about their feelings with you this evening. Over the coming days and weeks, we will consider how we can remember, recognise and celebrate Mrs Small's life and the huge contribution and difference she made to the lives of staff and students here at Joseph Leckie Academy.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year and we will arrange for extra support to be put in place to help students come to terms with what has happened.

Best wishes

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