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Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday 14 February, the funeral of Lily Douglas, our S3 pupil, will be taking place. Although Lily's funeral will be a private event for her family, Lily's hearse will pass by St John's Academy at 1pm.

In order to facilitate our school community being able to pay their respects to Lily and her family, we are planning to extend our lunch break by 10 minutes. Therefore, the secondary lunch break will start at 12.50pm. By bringing our lunch break forward, this will ensure that pupils and staff who wish to stand by Gowans Terrace to pay their respects can do so safely.

It is in times of great sadness that our core values of Respect and Love strengthens the bond of our community of St John's Academy. I am sure our pupils will embody these values and reflect the high expectations we have for them throughout the funeral procession. In time, and in discussion with Lily's family and friends, we as a school community plan to recognise and remember Lily. Further details will be communicated in due course with regards to these plans.

We are aware that this will be a difficult time for some of our pupils and therefore support will be available for any pupil who will require it on return to the school. We are very grateful that the Perth and Kinross' Educational Psychology Team will be offering a drop-in bereavement support service for pupils and staff from 1.15pm onwards on Monday 14 February.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's Guidance Teacher or Year Head on 01738 454300.

Yours faithfully

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