



Alderman Peel High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: APHS School Closure - Friday 12th September 2025

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the unexpected loss of a valued member of our school community during the summer break. Mr Lindsey Waajen, who had been a dedicated member of the APHS site team since January 2012, passed away following a very short and unexpected illness.

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of such a dear colleague and friend, whose commitment to our school spanned over a decade of faithful service.

Lindsey was more than simply a colleague to us all. As a local Wells resident, he attended Alderman Peel High School as a student himself, and his children and grandchildren have subsequently followed in his footsteps. This connection exemplifies the deep-rooted community bonds that make our school unique.

In recognition of Lindsey's significant contribution to our school community, and as a mark of respect, **Alderman Peel High School will be closed on Friday 12th September** so that our school community can come together and those who wish to attend the funeral service can do so. I recognise that a school closure this early into the academic year is both unexpected and disruptive to arrangements. However, I hope that you will understand and support the reasons behind this decision, which reflects our school's fundamental ethos as a caring community.

The family are collecting donations for 'Help the Heroes' in Lindsey's memory. Should you wish to contribute, donations may be sent directly to S. T. Sutton Funeral Directors, Burnt Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1HL. As a school, we will also be fundraising to make a donation to this charity later in the academic year.

Further communication regarding the start of term will follow in due course. However, we felt it essential to share this priority message with you without delay.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hardman
Principal

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