



**Learning Together for Life**

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Andrew Smith, Executive Headteacher at North Wolds Federation, has passed away following a lengthy illness.

Andrew was Headteacher at Market Rasen Church of England Primary School for 14 years and was instrumental in the creation of the North Wolds Federation with Nettleton Primary School. He was a dedicated Teacher and Headteacher for over 25 years, who transformed the fortunes of all of the children he encountered. His dedication shone through in all that he did, especially as he continued to work right through until the end of the most recent term.

Our thoughts are obviously with Andrew's wife and two children at this difficult time and we will do whatever we can to support them going forwards. In time, we will agree with them an appropriate way to honour Andrew's memory in our schools.

We are letting you know about this sad event so you may inform your children if you wish to do so before their return to school on Monday. When someone dies, it is normal for children, indeed for all of us to feel sad and confused. We know that children hearing about a death benefit from maintaining normal routines, being listened to, having their questions answered honestly and having their feelings acknowledged and normalised.

You may find helpful information on this website:

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/support-for-schools/>

We appreciate your understanding and support with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Barnes  
Chair of Governors  
North Wolds Federation

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**Our Christian Values: Caring Honesty Commitment to Achieve Fairness Co-operation Respect**

