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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of a much-loved member of the Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery team.

Mrs Amanda Davies had been battling cancer for over 7 years and, despite a number of surgeries and a variety of treatments, she sadly passed away earlier this month.

Mrs Davies had been a valued Learning Support Assistant for over 12 years at this school; she supported many children in their learning, joined in with every aspect of school life and was a dear friend and colleague. We are going to miss her greatly.

As a mark of respect, and to enable all of the staff to attend her funeral, the school and Nursery will close at 1pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The children will have their lunch as usual and be dismissed from their regular place.

Although I appreciate this may cause some inconvenience, I am sure you will understand that the staff need to pay their last respects to Amanda and share their grief at this sad time.

A floral tribute will be sent on behalf of the whole school community, but if you would like to make a donation in memory of Amanda and to support the work of Cancer Research UK, please do so using the link below. As you may already know, a team of staff and friends of Amanda will be participating in the Race for Life Pretty Muddy event on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/amandas-angels-2020>

I am sure you will join me in sending our condolences to Amanda's family.  
Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sandra Dorrington  
Headteacher

*Learning is a journey, not a destination*

