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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Next week marks the birthday of Emmanuel 'Manny' Francis, our beloved Y8 student who sadly passed away last year. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March would have been Manny's birthday, and we would like students, and parents to bring flowers or decorations before or after school on this date that can be laid on his memorial bench at our student entrance at the front of school.

Our students constantly remind me how privileged I am to work at this amazing school, I have been working with some of Manny's closest friends who have been sharing ideas of how they want us all to remember Manny on what would have been his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Their suggestions have shown maturity, kindness, and a thoughtfulness I am deeply humbled by.

We will be having a non-unform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March themed 'wear something blue for Manny'. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 that will be used to create a Manny Francis Memorial Garden at school and flowers to be sent to his family, for what will be a very challenging time for them.

If you wish to put any flowers on Manny's bench on Tuesday, please do this before, or after school where access to the main entrance will be provided.

Yours sincerely

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