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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you of the recent death of our friend and colleague Mr Douglas Drinnan. As a School Assistant for almost 15 years at Marr College, Mr Drinnan provided excellent support to many young people and was a valued member of our team. At the moment I have no further information, but can confirm that Mr Drinnan's passing was not related to Coronavirus.

Mr Drinnan was a compassionate, kind and caring person who brought enthusiasm and energy to the classroom, valuing and praising every achievement no matter how small. I am sure this news will come as a shock to our students and in these situations, we would come together as a school community and provide support for each other in times of need. Our current circumstances mean that this will be more challenging. However, any young person who would like to talk to a member of staff can get in touch via Marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk and we will respond with a phone call home. Our School Counsellor, Denise Elliot, and Educational Psychologist, Diann Neill, are also available to provide support and can also be reached via the school email address.

When we are able to return to Marr College we will plan, together with our young people, a fitting tribute to remember Mr Drinnan and celebrate the positive difference he made in our school. An online Book of Condolence will also be available on our website by the end of today for anyone who wishes to leave a message or share a memory.

As ever, I hope that you and your family are well. We are so proud of our young people, staff and, of course, parents and carers who have risen to the challenge of learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Docherty'.

Mr G Docherty
Head Teacher