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15/05/2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Notice of School Closure & Funeral Arrangements for Jemma Kerr

I am writing to inform you that both Hillingdon Manor and Hillingdon Grange Schools will be closed on **Thursday 5th June 2025**, as a mark of respect and remembrance for our Primary Head teacher, Jemma. This closure will allow colleagues, parents, friends, and pupils who wish to attend the funeral to do so.

The celebration of the life of Jemma Kerr (Fulbrook) will be held on Thursday 5th June at 1:15pm at Chilterns Crematorium, Whielden Lane, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0ND. James (Jemma's husband) and the family recognise the important role HMS has played throughout much of Jemma's life. They have gone to great lengths to make the service as inclusive as possible for anyone who wishes to attend and pay their respects.

The family have hired the full crematorium grounds to accommodate HMS staff and any parents who wish to gather in the second chapel onsite to view a live stream of the service taking place in the main chapel. Please note that the main chapel space has been reserved specifically for family and close friends, and we respectfully ask for your understanding in this regard.

HMS staff will be assembling from 12:30pm at the entrance to the grounds to form a 'Guard of Honour', each holding a sunflower to accompany Jemma on her final journey to the chapel. We warmly welcome any parents who wish to join us in this line.

Following the service, a private wake will be held at another venue. The family have expressed heartfelt thanks to everyone who has passed on kind messages. However, they respectfully ask that their privacy is observed during the wake, to allow Jemma's young daughter to be with her close loved ones after the public service.

Please be aware that parking is extremely limited, and we kindly ask that you consider car sharing where possible to reduce the number of vehicles onsite. We also ask that

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you do not arrive before 12:30pm, as earlier services will be taking place on the grounds.

Many of you have enquired about sending floral tributes. The family welcome this and have chosen Simply Flowers, 532 Victoria Road, Ruislip, HA4 0HD, 020 8836 3959, as their main florist for the service. Simply Flowers will be working directly with the funeral directors to ensure safe delivery on the day. The family have also selected two charities close to Jemma's heart for those who may wish to make donations in her memory. Details of these will be shared in due course.

Finally, Jemma was a bright and vibrant character who had a natural ability to light up any room. In honour of this, the family have requested a smart, colourful dress code for the service, rather than traditional mourning attire.

Yours sincerely

Grace Mullally

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