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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share some sad news. Many of you will know the little boy Gabriel Duran-Escamez who was in Year 4, Mr. Pfluger's class.

Sadly, Gabriel passed away on Thursday morning at 9.00am. He was being cared for at Martin House, a respite care and hospice for children and their families.

Gabriel had a very rare but severe disorder called EB which meant he was living in constant pain. He contracted a number of infections during recent weeks and had been poorly for a while.

Gabriel slipped away peacefully yesterday morning, surrounded by his parents Iris and Sebastian. The whole Duran-Escamez family have become very dear to us at Fishergate School. This news has hit us all hard. We have shared the news with the children today in school. Please be prepared as they may have questions. The funeral takes place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm at York Crematorium.** **As a mark of respect to the family and to enable any staff or parents who may wish to go, the school will close at 1.00pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.** The children will have lunch and return to their classes to be collected. I realise this may present problems for some families' and I apologise for the short notice. Please do see me or ring on Monday if you do have difficulties, and arrangements can be made as an emergency in school. **Please note also there will not be an afternoon session in the Early Years Unit.**

If you are booked in at Funfishers on Monday after school, please contact **Lesley Calvert on 677870**, who is happy to open the after school club early.

I would really appreciate your support with this decision which we feel strongly, is the right thing to do. Gabriel touched our lives, and Fishergate School is a better place for knowing him.

The family would be happy if any of you would like to attend the funeral service. Otherwise, there will be an opportunity on Monday afternoon to be thinking quietly of them while you are at home.

Thank you.

Andy Herbert  
(Headteacher)