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Dear Thistley Hough Academy Community, Parents/Carers and Friends

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to share some significant news concerning a highly respected figure of our community.

Some of you may remember Holly Hartley. Having joined the Academy in 2008 as Deputy Head, Holly went on to become Principal from 2012 – 2018. She remains very much respected and admired for the work that she did, both for the Academy and for the young people of Stoke-on-Trent, and we are saddened to inform you that Holly has been diagnosed with cancer.

Holly was an invaluable leader at Thistley Hough Academy, demonstrating unwavering dedication to our students, staff, and the entire school community. Her leadership and commitment have been a source of inspiration to us all, and we are deeply upset by this news.

During this challenging time, Holly has continued in her work as a motivational coach and successful businesswoman. However, her family have recently shared that Holly has undergone further surgery in the USA, where she remains, hopeful of receiving further treatment.

Holly's family have recently started a GoFundMe campaign in aid to raise funds for her to receive continuing treatment, and have given us permission to share the link below for those who may wish to make a donation to assist in ensuring that Holly receives the care that she needs.

We understand that this news may be difficult to process for those who know Holly personally and/or professionally, and we will be mindful to keep you updated on her progress.

<https://gofund.me/0ecbf2f8>

Thank you in advance of your understanding, compassion, and generosity.

Yours sincerely

Noel Kennedy  
Principal