



## **Compassionate School Status in conjunction with St Luke's Hospice**

- We have now achieved Compassionate Friend status for our school in conjunction with St Luke's Hospice which means we want to be able to support members of our school community to address issues raised by end of life, life limiting illnesses and other losses, and to be a helpful, supportive empathetic ear.
- Emma Gue and Lu Gallie have been trained to be the Compassionate Champions for the school, allowing them to train others to be a Compassionate friend.
- As part of the initiative the below staff members have been trained by St Luke's Hospice to be Compassionate friends, meaning that they have developed the skills needed to listen and support our students who are impacted by bereavement. Any student can seek support from these staff members:

Ms Littledyke	Mrs Griffin	Mrs Gallie
Mrs Gue	Mrs Feldwick	Mrs Porch
Miss Roberts	Mrs Dent	Miss May
Mr Farnham	Mrs Bunney	Mrs Parry
Mr McKie	Mrs Booth	Mrs Blackmore

- All students through assemblies and tutor times have been introduced to the LEND model to help any friends or peers when they are struggling with Bereavement and Loss-

**L**isten - to help people to talk over what they need, their worries or what they want to do

**E**mpathise - to acknowledge their situation and respect their choices

**N**otice - when some-one may need some company, to have a chat or a helping hand or when they don't!

**D**o - by giving practical support, signpost to services and resources, work with others to be a compassionate community.

### **We are also doing the below to show our Compassion:**

- Good Grief Club with Mrs Gue every Monday at 1:20pm, which is an opportunity to take part in activities that are designed to help students create memories and talk if they feel happy to do so.
- Students will have the opportunity to become Compassionate buddies learning the skills needed to support others
- Listening to students to see how we can best help young people dealing with bereavement
- Pastoral teams always available for students to access when needed  
Referrals to external charities when needed.

Please feel free to email [egue@saltashcloud.net](mailto:egue@saltashcloud.net) should you ever need to around the Compassionate initiative or bereavement, we are always here to support.