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Tyler Witherall Year 3

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of you know that one of our pupils, Tyler Witherall, has been battling medulloblastoma for a number of years. In that time he has received chemotherapy, radiotherapy and other treatments. Tyler's health had improved considerably and he had returned to school full-time.

Unfortunately, Tyler's family noticed a marked deterioration in his physical state over Christmas, and instead of returning to class on Thursday 5th January with his classmates, he spent time in Basildon and then Great Ormond Street Hospitals.

New growths have been identified on his brain and spine and at this point in time his family and health professionals are working to ensure that he receives the most appropriate care and treatment in this phase of his illness.

His family have been in daily contact with me and other members of staff since the start of the new school year and they are extremely grateful for all the support, prayers, love and kindness that the Holy Family school community has shown in the past and is showing once again.

All staff members are aware of Tyler's situation and I will speak to the children at tomorrow's assembly stating that Tyler is ill again. Teachers will be able to deliver appropriate pastoral guidance in whole class sessions and all members of staff will provide personalised pastoral care to individual children where appropriate.

I know that you will all keep Tyler and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Peter O'Kane