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Dear Families,

On Wednesday 6th March Graham Sheen, our Chair of Governors, will lead our Collective Worship. He is going to share the celebration of Ash Wednesday with the children, which is a very special time in the Christian calendar.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian festival. It marks the beginning of six and a half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the most important Christian festival of Easter. Graham would like to end this special service by making the mark of the cross on the forehead of each child, this is traditional at this time of year for Christians, this marking symbolises that Christians want to show God that they are sorry for wrong things that they may have done in the past year. Using a mark on the forehead as a sign of commitment is also used in many Middle Eastern cultures where a round, coloured circle is marked on the forehead.

This mark will be made with ashes from last year's Palm crosses. We are however mindful of personal sensitivities and therefore if you prefer your child not to receive this special symbol please complete the attached form.

With Kind Regards,

Mrs K Magiera

Ash Wednesday Service marking – Wednesday 6th March 2019

I do not wish my child _____ to take part in the Ash Wednesday Service marking.

Signed _____

Date _____

