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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with a heavy heart and with my deep regret that I write to you today to sadly inform you of the tragic loss of two of our wonderful, talented St. Mark's children, Saros and Leonor Endris who were sadly killed as a result of a house fire in the early hours of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at their home address. I am sure you will join all our school community; whether it be children, parents, staff, governors and parish in offering our deepest condolences and prayers to their family at this upsetting time.

I want to reassure you that we are working with all of the children at St. Mark's to support them with this terrible loss. I have spoken to the children today to share this awful news and given them their first opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings. Rest assured we will continue to support the children in the coming days and weeks. Any further factual information that the authorities allow us to share we will do so in the future. I also from a personal point of view would like to thank so many parents who took the time and effort this morning to offer their feelings and support with this matter.

I know you will join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the Endris's family. When we receive word regarding funeral arrangements, I will share the information with you. Again, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. S. Murphy  
 Headteacher

**Prayer When Children Die**

**With a mother's strong love you shelter us in your shadow Lord  
 and you mourn as we do the death of these beautiful children.  
 Hold these children gently in your hand  
 and help us to await in joyful hope the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come  
 Amen**

