

Our Ref: RWK

15 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so sad to inform you that today we have been made aware of the sudden and tragic death of a year 9 student. All our children have been informed this morning via a whole school assembly.

At this moment in time we are working together, liaising with local services to support our students, staff and community in making sure that we deal with this tragic event together.

Often, when someone dies family and friends experience many feelings such as anger, confusion and sadness. The children are likely to ask questions about the death and it is often best that these are answered as factually and honestly as possible.

We have put together a detailed package of support, for all the students at our school including:

- Access to an onsite counselling service that will be available for all students should they wish to access it.
- Safe spaces have been created throughout the school.
- Access to our safeguarding team and our leadership team are available throughout the day and the rest of the week.
- Students will be made aware of how to access this support.

We know that some students will want to express their condolences and leave tributes. A space has been made available in front of main school reception to do this. A book of condolence will also be set up.

We will aim to keep you updated as much as we can do and we will ensure the school provides ongoing support to all our students who may be affected by this tragic event.

The following charities are also available to offer support to your child and provide advice for you on how to communicate about death and manage grief should your child become upset or in need of support at home:

- *Child Bereavement UK* (0800 02 888 40) [www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org)
- *Cruse Bereavement Support* (0808 808 1677) [Home - Cruse Bereavement Support](http://Home-CruseBereavementSupport.org)
- *Young Minds* (0808 802 5544) [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

The student was a beloved member of their year group and our whole school community and will be missed by everybody at our school. Our thoughts are with their family and friends currently and we have been in touch to offer our condolences and support. When the time is right, we will arrange something in school to remember and celebrate them.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact main school reception.

Yours sincerely



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