



The James Hornsby School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness and regret that I have to inform you that one of our students has died, suddenly.

As a school community we are deeply affected by this tragedy. I am sure that you will wish to join me and my staff in offering our condolences and sympathy to the child's family. Our thoughts are with them first and foremost.

I have now spoken to students and staff in school about what has happened. When someone dies, their family and friends have lots of feelings of sadness, anger, and confusion - these are all normal. The children have been told that their teachers are willing to try and answer their questions at school, and you can help by talking to them at home and answering their questions honestly.

We are working closely with and drawing advice from Essex support services. This will assist us in supporting students, staff and the wider school community, including you as parents. I would like to reassure you that we have an open door ethos; please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. We have information in school about loss and bereavement and how to support children, so please ask if you would like any such information and advice. We are here for you. I attach some information that may be helpful.

This is likely to be a very difficult time for us as a school community and we will all need to support each other as the James Hornsby family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family; the whole school community sends them our sympathy and support.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Carey
Headteacher

Useful websites:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>
<https://childbereavementuk.org/>
<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>
<https://www.bigwhitewall.com>
<http://epicfriends.co.uk/>



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