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Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure you are aware of the devastating news received during the last few days of the death of Joshua Hall who was a former student of Rednock School. Josh's death has shocked and saddened the whole of the School community and our thoughts are with his family at this time and those affected by his passing.

We are acutely aware that this news and the tragic circumstances surrounding it will have affected a number of our students and staff. Our core purpose is to support them as much as we can. Consequently, I wanted to make you aware of some of the details surrounding the school's response to the news and how we will support the students during this time.

On our return to school, the whole school community will unite via a virtual whole school assembly, offering a time for reflection and remembering Josh. This week's tutor time sessions will be used to address the key issues with students and respond to their support needs. We will be talking about the situation and how the students are dealing with their feelings about what has happened. Where appropriate students will be given time to talk and be with each other if needed. It is important that we maintain as much normality as possible; we have found that this reassures students in a time of great pressure. We will encourage them to continue with routines in school as far as possible.

Community Support Officers (CSOs) will be available in their designated rooms within the year group bubbles where students can go if they need some privacy and 1:1 support. In addition, Community Leaders and the Senior Leadership team will be on call to help where required.

In addition, we have published [guidance from the Educational Psychology service](#) on the school's website which outlines ways in which you can support your child through this difficult time. Should you require a paper copy of this guidance - please let us know. If you feel that you would like to talk about your child's needs related to this set of circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, or community leader at any time.

My thoughts are with you all at this time; it has been a shock for everyone in the community and we need to pull together to support everyone. One thing which has characterised our community during the pandemic is how supportive and positive we have all been. I know how special that is; it is to be valued and praised as it will provide a way forward for us all. Thank you for your incredible support.

Yours sincerely

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