



**Our Ref:** DJA|NMO|508

7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Funeral of Former Student Joshua Hall**

We have been informed by Josh's parents that his funeral is to take place on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> May. We have spoken to his parents about the funeral arrangements. They would like to have some idea of the numbers who will be gathering by the side of the road to pay their respects as the hearse passes by. They would also like to know roughly where people will gather to stand so that the arrangements for safety can be resolved. It is our understanding from some of Josh's peers that they intend to participate in some form on the day; obviously as a school we are happy to support whatever decision you make as a family in this matter. On this note we would be grateful if you could talk to your child in advance and let us know what their intentions are so that we can record their attendance accurately and are able to account for their whereabouts on the day.

We have been made aware that the funeral procession itself will pass by the front of our school; as a community we will be marking this moment. We will speak to students in advance of this so that they are aware and have shared our plans with Josh's family. If your child has any concerns please ask them to talk to their tutor or a trusted member of our staff.

Guidance from the Educational Psychology Service has been placed on the school's website which outlines ways in which you can support your child through this difficult time. If you require a paper copy of this guidance we can also facilitate this. If you feel that you would like to talk about your child's needs relating to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, or community team at any time.

Thank you for your support as a caring community at this time.

Yours sincerely

**Mr D Alexander**  
**Head Teacher**

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