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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with the deepest of sadness that I write to you to inform you of the passing of one of our young people in S5. This is the second bereavement among our young people this session and, as you can imagine, it has hit our school community hard. I know you will join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to the family at this most difficult of times.

Even although we are in a period of remote learning, we know that some young people will have been affected by this loss and it is important that they know the supports available to them, both from ourselves and partner agencies. If your child would benefit from some additional support, please contact his/her Pupil Support teacher in the first instance. They will then direct you/your child to the appropriate support. Alternatively, you may find the websites listed below helpful. All offer a good range of advice and support in ways of dealing with loss.

www.childbereavementuk.org

www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/for-parents/childrens-understanding-of-death

www.winstonwish.org/coronavirus

Regretfully, I should also tell you that the passing of a young person during lockdown may well attract some media attention; please take the time to explain to your son/daughter that it would not be advisable to speak to the media – if approached - in order to accord the family privacy and respect.

Best wishes.



Alicia Reid
Head Teacher