



Friday 30th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carer,

You may be aware of the tragic event that occurred in Rhodes during the half-term holiday. It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that the incident involved former pupils, Jessica Hayes (15), who sadly passed away during the accident; alongside her cousin Michael Connelly (13).

Jessica was an incredibly hardworking girl who tried her best in everything she did. In particular, she was very creative and had a real passion for art. We will remember her as the kind and caring young person that made her the popular young person that she was.

Mikey was a very positive, kind, thoughtful and cheerful young man who lit up our classrooms. Like Jessica, he was very creative and really shone at drama. He also put everything into his work and tried his very best.

James Connelly (15) also remains in a critical condition in hospital and we truly hope for the best possible outcome for him. Our thoughts, sympathies and best wishes are with the families and friends affected across the Corby area, as well as the school communities directly involved.

The family remain closely connected to our school, so we are aware that many people will know or remember them well. We are sure this will be very upsetting news for many students, parents, and staff.

We will be offering many avenues of support when we return to school next week.

On Monday, the local authority's Educational Psychology team (part of the bereavement team) are coming into school and will be able to provide support. Our Wellbeing team, led by Mrs Baulch, will also be providing support for children guided by the bereavement team.

If you are concerned about the impact these events have had on your child, please do let us know so we can make sure the right support is in place.

We also know that your children might talk to you about the events. We want you to know that additional support can be found through the following charities.

- www.childline.org.uk 0800 1111
- www.winstonswish.org 08452 03 04 05
- www.childbereavementuk.org 0800 02 88840

If you are concerned about the welfare of your child, please contact your GP for further support and guidance.

Yours sincerely

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