



Friday 7th October, 2022

### Whole School Information

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure you are all aware of the tragic death of a student in the Gateshead community of schools. This week our thoughts and prayers have been with the child, their family and our colleagues.

I am aware that the loss has been felt across our school community by some students. If your child has been impacted by this and needs some additional support or you would like some support to help them do not hesitate to get in touch. I have also attached a document detailing some support services available to young people and their families.

Today, we have amended our Wider Curriculum lesson to pray for the student, their family and our colleagues. We have also delivered a specific lesson on keeping safe, knife crime and other associated topics. For Key Stage 4 and 5 students, the delivery of this has been supported by the local police force of which we are very grateful.

In the event you have any information that could support the case please contact the police on their 'Tell us something' page of their website or by calling 101 quoting NP-20221003-0995.

I am sure you will join me in continuing to offer our prayers for everyone affected by this tragic event.

With every blessing,

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## Support Services

### Children and Young People's Service – CYPS

- Provides a single service to all children and young people aged 0-18 years living in Newcastle and Gateshead who present with mental health difficulties. Referrals can be made by young people and their families by phone.
- 0800 652 2864 – Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Children's Social Care

- If you have a concern about the safety of a child, you should talk to someone immediately.
- Phone Gateshead Council's Children's Services (in confidence) on:
  - 0191 433 2653 (office hours: Monday - Friday, 8.30am to 5pm)
  - 0191 477 0844 (out of hours, at night, at weekends and bank holidays)
- The Emergency Duty Team will help with personal or family problems that reach a crisis at these times. All calls go through to the Gateshead Care Call Service where a telephone operator takes all the calls. This service is the contact point for all council services out of hours. If the phone isn't answered straightaway, please be patient as they will be dealing with another call.)

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### Childline

- Childline is a free, private and confidential service children can access online and on the phone.
- Children can call 0800 1111 and will get through to a counsellor who is there to listen and support with anything they would like to talk about.
- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Samaritans

- You can access confidential emotional support at any time from Samaritans either by
- Call 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- Whatever you are going through, you can contact the Samaritans for support. N.B. This is a listening service and does not offer advice or intervention.

### Shout

- Free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.
- Text 85258



#### Kooth

- Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community for young people. Access is free, safe and anonymous.
- [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

#### Young Minds

- Young minds is a brilliant website with information on mental health.
- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)