



# Rayner Stephens

H I G H S C H O O L

16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some sad news that has impacted our school community. We shared the news with our learners and staff today that one of our students has died.

This morning I have spoken to the young people in assembly and small groups. We discussed the way we might send our condolences' to the family, how we can support each other and how all feelings are okay in the early stages of grief. We talked about positive coping strategies and how we can help and support one another throughout this difficult time. Young people had the opportunity to remember alongside each other and then attend some lessons as normal. We have been advised that a combination of routine and opportunities to talk is the most supportive approach.

We would suggest that you speak with your child and ensure that they feel safe and supported. We would recommend visiting the website Winston's Wish <https://www.winstonswish.org> as a tool to aid these conversations. It is helpful to encourage your child to avoid excessive social media and be aware of the consequences of reading or writing inappropriate posts.

Please monitor your child and if they require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will ensure they have a key adult to talk to.

The family are in our hearts and thoughts.

Fay Beach  
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