



# West Park

*'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'*

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Dear West Park Families

It is with great sadness that we write to inform you of the sudden death of a pupil in year 8.

We recognise that this news will be deeply upsetting for our whole school community and our thoughts are with the pupil's family, friends and all those who knew them at this very difficult time.

We would be grateful if you could speak to your child this evening and let them know that they can talk to you, or to a member of staff at school if they are feeling worried or upset. We will be providing appropriate support to pupils and staff in the days ahead. If you feel that your child may need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. This can be done via email at [wpsupport@westpark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:wpsupport@westpark.derby.sch.uk).

External support can be accessed via:

Samaritans – free 24/7 helpline – 116 123  
NHS – 24/7 emergency mental health support – 111  
Childline – 24/7 support line – 0800 1111  
Shout – 24/7 text messaging service – 85258

We are also here to support our families, please contact the school if you require our input. External support for adults can be accessed via Samaritans and the NHS, please see details above.

We understand that news of a sudden bereavement can lead to questions, uncertainty and speculation, particularly online. We respectfully ask everyone in our community not to share or speculate about the circumstances of the death and to respect the privacy and wishes of the family at this incredibly difficult time.

Thank you for your compassion and support for one another and our school community.

Take care

Scott McGregor  
Head