



West Park

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Dear West Park Families

You have probably realised that I am very proud of the West Park family. I do tend to broadcast this at every available opportunity. However, very rarely have I been so proud of a large group of people in my entire life.

The sudden passing of a loved one, particularly that of a wonderful pupil, has rocked our school community but, in amongst this, feelings of support, warmth and love have shone through. Staff supporting pupils, pupils supporting us, families checking in and City representatives doing their bit to pull together and to help us through these sad times. A year 7 boy even took the time to buy me two pumpkin cupcakes and deliver them to me on the field to ensure that I was ok!

While we are supporting each other, I have also expressed this outpouring of love and support to the family. Through these challenging times, it is so important that they feel the West Park family pulling around them.

Over this weekend, please take time to actively check in on your children. Talk to them, share with them and cry with them, if this is what they need. I have attached a resource with this letter that may help you with this. You can also continue to use the email that we shared yesterday: wpsupport@westpark.derby.sch.uk and the helplines shown below:

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

Please take time this weekend to pause for a moment and think of an amazing little girl and her beautiful family.

Take care

Scott McGregor
Head