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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware from the joint press release issued by the school and Dyfed-Powys Police earlier this week, one of our Year 10 pupils, Bradley John, tragically died as a result of an incident that occurred within the school on Wednesday.

A joint Police and Coroner's investigation is ongoing. I want to reassure families that there is no suspicion of a criminal act, no suspicion of foul play, nobody else was involved and, contrary to some reports, no weapons or firearms were involved.

Whilst tragic events such as this cannot be prepared for, I must pay tribute to how the pupils and staff have conducted themselves over the last 48 hours. As you know, St. John Lloyd is a small, close-knit community and it is the bonds between staff, pupils and parents that have provided us with the most comfort in recent days. A significant number of our staff, including our trained first aiders were on hand to help Bradley and the response of the police, ambulance service and air ambulance team was incredible.

We are all deeply affected by what has happened, but we are trying for the sake of the pupils to keep the school running as normal as possible over the coming days. On Thursday, pupils and staff were able to access specialist support from a wide range of staff including the School Counsellor, the local authority Educational Psychologist, Mrs. Lawrence, Head of RE, Mrs. Evans, Head of Wellbeing and Pastoral Care and her team, Mrs. Griffiths, the School Youth Worker, members of the school Chaplaincy Team and occupational therapists.

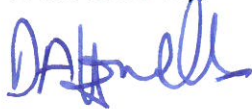
Support has continued today and will remain in place for the start of next week. With the weekend ahead however, it is likely that your child might want to talk about what has happened at home and will need your reassurance at this difficult time. In addition to what the school has already provided, I have included the contact details of a number of support agencies that might be of use to you at the end of this letter.

I also want to pay tribute to Bradley's parents, sister and wider family at this difficult time for the immense courage and dignity they have shown throughout. The whole school community sends them our sincerest sympathy and support.

Finally, it is only appropriate that our final tribute goes to Bradley himself. Bradley joined St. John Lloyd at the end of Year 7 and over the last two years had become a well-known member of the school community with an excellent attendance record. Bradley was a polite, cooperative and articulate young man who was happy to help staff and provide support for his friends and peers. He would talk at length about his love of the outdoors, his horses and his love of all things mechanical. It was also obvious how much his sister Danielle meant to him and how much Bradley meant to her. Bradley was a gifted pupil with so much to offer and St. John Lloyd will be a poorer place without him.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all the messages of support and prayers we have received from parents, former pupils and the wider community.

Yours sincerely,



Ashley Howells
Headteacher
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Additional Sources of Advice and Information

- Teacher Support Cymru

Offers practical and emotional support to staff in the education sector and their families.
www.teachersupport.info/wales 08000 855 088.

- Child Bereavement Trust

A charity that provides a support and information line for teachers and offer a confidential listening service to families affected by the death of a child.
www.childbereavement.org.uk Tel: 01494 446648

- Child Death Helpline

A helpline for anyone affected by the death of a child of any age – from pre-birth to adult. The Service is manned by volunteers, all of them bereaved parents, supervised and trained by Great Ormond Street Hospital.
Freephone 0800 282 986

- The Compassionate Friend's

An organisation of bereaved parent's and their families, offer support, advice and information to other relatives, friends and professionals who are helping the family.
Helpline: 0845 123 2304 www.tcf.org.uk

- 2 Wish Upon A Star

01443 853125

Support after suddenly losing a child or know someone else who is struggling with their loss please contact help@2wishuponastar.org

- Winstons Wish

Offers practical support and guidance to families, professionals and anyone concerned about a grieving child.
Helpline: 08452 03 0405 Tel: 01242 515157
Fax: 01242 546187 website: www.winstonswish.org.uk

- 'Help is at Hand' guidance aimed at people affected by unexplained death -
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/27747>