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Headteacher: Mrs. J. Payne

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, tragedy struck our community yesterday. While we don't yet have all the details, we do know that one of our current pupils and a former pupil died in the atrocious attack.

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Alice Da Silva Aguiar, a Year 4 pupil and Bebe King, a former pupil who left us this academic year, have died.

Alice was the happiest of souls, a true ray of sunshine. She was known and loved by everyone in our school community of 700 children, a testament to her unique ability to connect with others. Alice's radiant smile brightened our days, and she embraced every aspect of school life with enthusiasm and joy. Her kindness, playful nature, and zest for trying new things will forever be remembered. Alice, you will always hold a special place in our hearts at Churchtown.

Bebe was a joyful girl, whose kindness radiated through the entire Churchtown community. During her time at the school, Bebe's considerate nature and her love of learning shone through in everything that she did. Each day, she would come into school ready to grasp every opportunity available to her and fun and laughter were never far away whenever Bebe was involved. Her considerate nature meant that she had many friends and she always ensured all children felt included, whether that was through play or working together in the classroom. Bebe's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Our immediate thoughts and deepest sympathies are with the families and friends of both Alice and Bebe during this impossibly difficult time.

We know that a number of other children from Churchtown were also involved in the attack, along with much-loved colleagues. We extend our heartfelt wishes to all those families affected by this horrific incident, including those currently in hospital or continuing to receive treatment. We sincerely hope for their swift and full recovery.

Our focus now is on providing support to the school community as we all come to terms with this heart-breaking news. We are opening the school for this purpose on Wednesday 31st July from 11am to 1pm and again on Thursday 1st August from 4pm to 6pm. This will be an initial opportunity for children, parents, staff and the wider school community to come together to support each other, access specialist services, and receive information on further support networks. In the meantime, you can reach out to Victim Care Merseyside for help by calling Freephone 0808 175 3080 on weekdays between 8am and 6pm or request support online at any time at www.victimcaremerseyside.org



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The death of a child is always a desperate tragedy for a school, and particularly so under such circumstances. People will react in different ways, and some may not feel the full impact for some time. It's at times like this that we need to come together as a community, to support and be kind to each other.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or if we can provide any further specific support.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Mrs J. Payne
Headteacher