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Dear Parent or Carer

You may be aware that Byrchall High School have suffered a tragic loss to their school community this week. Jack Worwood was a Year 8 pupil at the school and after being hit by a car earlier in the week he very sadly passed away on Wednesday.

This is obviously a terrible bereavement for his family and all those who knew him. I am aware that Jack was a very popular boy who had many friends, some of whom may be pupils of our school. Therefore, if your son or daughter knew Jack and is upset, I would like to offer them some help and support.

Everyone is different when coming to terms with a bereavement and it could make us fearful, anxious, withdrawn or we may have difficulty sleeping or we may struggle to eat – however we react in the short term it will help in the longer term if we can talk about how we feel.

If your son or daughter wants to talk about their feelings or their worries, there is help available. Organisations such as **Kooth** (Kooth.com) offer online counselling and organisations such as **ChildLine** (0800 1111 [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)) if you feel online support would be appropriate.

If you would like your son or daughter to speak to a member of our staff who has been trained in counselling please email [enquiries@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk) and we will arrange for a member of staff to call them at a specified time. I would offer this as face-to-face support, but unfortunately due to current Government guidelines, we are not in a position to offer this.

As a school community, our thoughts and prayers are with Jack's family and friends.

Yours faithfully



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