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Dear families

As the week draws to a close I wanted to write to you and update you on all things Dixons Fazakerley related. However, following the events of yesterday and the tragic loss of life of a young person I hope you understand why I begin by focusing on this.

As a Principal and, perhaps more importantly, as a parent I wanted to begin by saying that the thoughts and prayers of all at Dixons Fazakerley go to everyone who has been effected by this awful incident and in particular to the family and friends and the school of the young person who lost their life. I am aware that some of our students were close to the victim and we have been supporting students throughout today as appropriate. A traumatic event such as this effects different people in different ways and is closely tied to our experiences of life so please do speak to your child and check how they are and alert us if you feel they need further support. I also want to share some information about where young people can access support beyond school as the weekend approaches and schools close. If you or your child would like support, advice and help over the weekend then please see a list of services available below:

ALDER HEY CAMHS - CRISIS CARE TEAM

Alder Hey Crisis Care Team – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Crisis Care Team offer advice, consultation, and direct intervention to children / young people and their families. Contact the team 24 / 7 on **0151 293 3577**.

YOUNG MINDS CRISIS MESSENGER

If you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis, you can text the Young Minds Crisis Messenger for free, 24 / 7 support. **Text YM to 85258**

For more information visit Young Minds website [here](#)

NHS 111

Where trained health professionals can give you health advice and information 24 hours a day.

Telephone: 111

[Click here to go directly to the NHS 111 website](#)

THE SAMARITANS

Offer a 24-hour confidential helpline. Samaritans volunteers listen in confidence to anyone in any type of emotional distress, without judging or telling people what to do.

Telephone: 08457 90 90 90

Textphone: 08457 90 91 92

[Click here to go directly to the Samaritans website](#)



CHILDLINE

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Whether it's something big or small, trained counsellors are there to support you. Childline is free, confidential and available anytime, day or night. You can talk to them on the phone, by email or through 1-2-1 counsellor chat. Whatever feels best for you.

Telephone: 0800 1111

[1-2-1 Counsellor Chat](#)

[BSL Users](#)

[Click here to go directly to the Childline website](#)

I will write again on Monday with a more standard letter but it feels inappropriate to continue the letter in that way today given what has happened.

Finally, I wanted to end by wishing everyone well and to reiterate that we are here for you and your child if you need us and, once more, to pass on my condolences to all who have been effected by this tragedy.

Yours faithfully

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