

Dear parent/carer

The traumatic incident that recently occurred may have directly or indirectly affected students at our school. Our thoughts are with all the families and friends who have been impacted by this tragic event.

Today and over the coming weeks, you and your child/children may be affected in various ways, as each person will react differently. Some may become very emotional, some may want to talk, whilst others will not. Reactions may change over time, which is a normal response to such an incident. I encourage you to let your child/children know that you are there to listen to their concerns at any time they wish to share them.

Two important messages to promote with children and young people are:

- We should all seek help from others when we feel down or vulnerable.
- It's important to tell a trusted adult if you are worried about a friend or yourself.

For more information please see the attached flyer 'Helping children and young people cope with traumatic events'. We encourage you to access any of the services listed if the need arises.

There are various options for further support that can be made available at our school, including support from school counselling staff. Please contact your child's principal to seek further support for your child, if this is required.

If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell the operator what language you need and ask them to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Yours sincerely

Principal