



Parent and Carer Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent tragic news of one of our dear students, you may be aware of the funeral which will be taking place on Tuesday 15th October at 12:30pm. Students and parents have asked about the arrangements and I have included these for your reference below.

- Following family request, **all students who wish to attend the funeral are to be accompanied by a Parent or Carer. School absence permission must also be sought** by directly emailing Miss Smith on lasmith@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk - this will be followed up via a telephone confirmation from the school for safeguarding assurance purposes. We ask that this only be during the funeral time (PM) to minimise the impact on your child's learning and progress.
- **A special event led by staff and Rev. Julie Anderson from Newsome Church will take place at the same time as the funeral for those who wish to pay their respects but cannot attend the funeral.** All students are being informed during assemblies this week and have been told to speak to Miss Dodds (Deputy Headteacher) directly if they want to attend this session.
- I and Jamie's Team Leader (Tutor) will attend the funeral and I have been asked to say some special words on behalf of our school community which have come directly from staff and students.
- To raise money for nominated charities in Jamie's name, we are selling remembrance badges in school for students to purchase - more information will follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the school and Jamie's family through this difficult time. I have personally been in close contact with Jamie's family to ensure close and caring support and managing unhelpful speculation at this sad and sensitive time.

Warmest wishes,

Mr D Watkin
Headteacher