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Dear Parents / Carers

I'm very sorry to have to pass on to you some very sad and distressing news. One of our pupils, Tyrese Glasgow in Year 7 passed away at his home on Wednesday evening.

Obviously the entire school community is devastated by this news. Mrs Blezard-Downs who worked closely with Tyrese (as his Home School Leader) commented that he was:

"a wonderful boy, who was exceptionally polite, lively, popular and had the most infectious smile. He was a friend to everyone and especially to his form members 7D. He was very much an active member of the form, showing his beautiful happy personality every day, so much so that Mrs Hughes would regularly tell me how absolutely wonderful he was. He was even rewarded with a special Year 7 star of the half term award. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Tyrese. If you ever asked him to do something for you he would always reply with "Yes Miss" or "of course Miss," "no worries Miss" he was so keen to please and worked so hard to settle into Saddleworth School and to embrace opportunities like joining the Cross Country team, Quad Kids and being involved in our pupil panel for staff interviews. The school has lost a role model of a pupil."

We are working closely with the Police, Council and medical teams to ensure that we can manage this situation as sensitively as possible. Staff were informed of the news after school on Thursday 16th June and pupils have been informed via a series of assemblies that ran between 1.40pm and 3.30pm on Friday 17th June. As well as pastoral staff, Educational Psychologists from the Council were present to support children in coming to terms with the news. Tyrese's form group were told separately so that those who knew him well, could have time to begin to process the tragic events and have support in their grief.

Different people respond to grief in different ways and it may well be that your child wants to discuss Tyrese's passing with you. Others may not wish to talk at all. I'm sure that you will want to be extra vigilant with your children this weekend, as they come to terms with Tyrese's passing. There will be of course an investigation into Tyrese's death and speculation and hearsay is obviously not helpful at this stage.

If you feel you want to talk to colleagues at school please do not hesitate to contact the Home School Leader or Pastoral Support Assistant for your child's year group. There is helpful advice on dealing with bereavement available at www.winstonswish.org.uk. If you would like to talk to specialists in child bereavement then please contact the Winstons Wish Help Line on 08452 030 405.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Milburn
Headteacher

