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## Dear Parents/Carers

What has happened this week has shocked us all; we are devastated by the loss of John Paul, Lacey and Connie. Our intention this week has been to support everyone in our school community and I would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for the immense support you have given to us at this tragic time.

We have brought in specialist professionals to work with students and staff this week and we will continue to do this for however long is needed. The messages of condolence that we have received from the local community and across the country has provided comfort to us as we try to process the events of last weekend.

We have also liaised very closely with Woodhouse West Primary School; it is important that the community receives consistent messages as many of you will have children at both schools.

Our priority is to ensure that students are looked after and that they are supported in the right way for them. As a parent myself I am also aware that sometimes it is difficult to know how best to support our children following such a traumatic event. With this in mind it is our aim to arrange an informal support event in school next week. The details of the session will be shared once finalised.

On a personal note, I have been moved by the outpouring of love and support from families and I will continue to do all that I can to support you and your children.

We will share more information with you when we are able to and we know that there will be key events to come, for example, the funerals, which will cause further upset and we will work with both families when the time is right to organise a suitable form of remembrance for John Paul, Lacey and Connie.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andrew Downing

**Principal**