6th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that earlier this week our school family experienced a tragic loss, when we became aware that one of our Year 11 students, Leah Barber, had lost her life.

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Leah’s family, as well as with the many friends which she had made within our community, and who now mourn her loss.

Over the coming weeks, we will make plans to honour the memory of Leah, however, our current priority is to respond sensitively and thoughtfully to the needs of her family.

You may already be aware that the family and friends of Leah have organised a balloon release at 6pm on Tuesday, June 11, the date of Leah’s sixteenth birthday, at the top of Carr Lane in Shipley. Leah’s family have generously extended an invitation to all members of the One In A Million community to attend this event, and to release biodegradable balloons to ‘remember her for the special friend she was’.

Grief is a natural and necessary response to loss, and as a school, we will continue to do everything in our power to offer support and comfort to everyone affected by this tragedy. Below is some information that may be useful to you in helping your child at home. If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact child’s Head of Year at school or your local GP.

Childline 0800 1111
Young Minds In a crisis there is a text service: text YM to 85258
They also have a parents line 0808 802 5544
NSPCC 0808 8005000
Help for Children 0800 1691601

Yours faithfully

Stuart Rees
Principal