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COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you following the serious medical emergency at school on Wednesday 25 November.

It is with great sadness that we can confirm that the member of supply teaching staff who experienced a medical emergency whilst teaching at the school on 25 November 2026 has sadly passed away. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with their family, friends and colleagues at this extremely difficult time.

This has been a deeply upsetting incident for everyone affected. Pupils and staff witnessed the response to a serious medical emergency, and we recognise the impact this will have on our school community. Specialist support is being made available to pupils and staff and will continue over the coming days and weeks.

We would like to thank the emergency services and medical professionals who attended the scene so quickly. I would also like to thank our staff for the care and professionalism they have shown throughout this difficult situation. Thank you as well to the many parents and carers who have sent kind and supportive messages. They have meant a great deal to our staff.

Supporting your child

Children may react to this news in different ways. Some may want to talk about it and ask questions, and others may not. Feelings such as sadness, confusion, worry or anger are all normal. If your child asks questions, it is usually best to answer them simply and honestly. Please let them know that school is here to support them.

The following support is in place:

- Our counsellors and pastoral team are available for any pupil who would like to talk. Please contact your Head of Year.
- Return to school on Tuesday 1st December at the normal time pupils will have extended tutor time to talk about what has happened and ask questions. Safe spaces will be available throughout the day with Heads of Year, our safeguarding team and our leadership team. Further information will follow.
- Ongoing support: counselling and pastoral support will continue over the coming weeks for any pupil who needs it.

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If you are worried about how your child is coping, now or in the coming weeks, please contact your child's Head of Year or call the school office. We will make sure they get the right support.

You may also find these organisations helpful for advice on supporting children with grief and difficult experiences:

- Child Bereavement UK: childbereavementuk.org.uk
- Winston's Wish: winstonswish.org.uk
- Childline: childline.org.uk

Out of respect for the individual's family, we will not be releasing any further personal details at this time. We kindly ask that their privacy is respected. Please help us by encouraging your child not to share information, images or speculation on social media.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this very sad time. Our priority is to care for our pupils and staff, and we will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

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