



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I want to thank all members of our community for their supportive correspondence this week, which has been particularly challenging for some students and many members of staff due to the public inquest regarding Chloe Longster's tragic death nearly two years ago.

As a school, we continue to remember Chloe as the vibrant, talented and compassionate individual she was. She brought so much joy and positivity to our school, and we continue to think about her.

This week, I met with the staff team on Monday, and we have ensured that Chloe's closest friends and family members have had access to key staff members, including our Safeguarding Team, for additional support. We have prioritised sustaining routines for all students because these routines provide security and safety for children, particularly during times of difficulty, emotional volatility, and unpredictability.

I would like to welcome you, in whatever way that you deem appropriate, to offer your ongoing thoughts, reflections or prayers to Chloe's family and friends who continue to be in our hearts, especially at such a difficult time as the ongoing media coverage of the inquest continues.

Reporting a concern (students)

We remind families and our students that our philosophy is that students should not 'bottle it up' and that our Safeguarding Team are here to help and support them if they need us. Students can raise concerns such as things that are worrying or troubling them by reporting this to a member of staff in school or alternatively, they can use the following form via the school website, and a team member will respond:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/about/safeguarding/myvoice/>

Who to contact if you need help

We remind families that the school takes the safety and wellness of our students very seriously, and further information about the key people who can be contacted, or relevant information can be accessed here:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/about/safeguarding/>

Our school is a family, and we can all gain strength from unity and a sense of belonging, which typify what it means to be part of Robert Smyth Academy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support one another through this difficult time and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal



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