



Larkin Community College Coláiste Pobail Lorcáin

27/01/2021

We would like to let our school community know that one of our students, Josh Dunne, has passed away. Our hearts are broken for Josh's family and friends. Our love for Josh will help us through this.

Since the sad news of his death, the school has implemented a crisis response plan to help students and staff respond to this tragic death.

The loss of a student in a school community can be difficult for us to understand, especially when it is sudden. We may feel a variety of emotions: shock, sadness, or confusion. What is most important is that we care for and support each other.

In the days and weeks ahead, students may have questions and concerns relating to the death and are going to require your support at home and our continued support here at school as they work through their feelings of grief. Remember that you are not alone, help is available. Talk to someone in your family or a friend.

As a school community we will make every effort to help you and your child as you need. If you feel your child is having difficulty and may benefit from additional supports, please feel free to contact Mrs McKenzie or Ms Neill on the following email addresses or contact number:

larkinupdates@lcc.cdetb.ie siobhan.mckenzie@lcc.cdetb.ie (mobile no: 0872362639)

fiona.neill@lcc.cdetb.ie

We are also supported by the CDETB psychological service and can provide you with referrals as needed. We have counsellors available for any student who may need or want help or any type of assistance surrounding this loss. We encourage you, as parents/guardians, to also feel free to use our resources (<http://www.larkincommunitycollege.ie/wellbeing>)

Here is a list of some supports which may be of help:

Parentline: 1890927277

Barnardos Parent Support Line: 1800910123 (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm)

Teenline: 1800666666

As the school community continues to cope with the loss of Josh, we ask that we respect the privacy of Josh's family and friends. Let us look after each other during this sad time. At a later date, we will honour Josh's memory.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Yours Sincerely



Thomas Usher, Principal