

ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness that we are writing to let you know that Jack Chambers and Josh Dilloway, former students of Six Villages, have tragically died in a road traffic accident. In the early hours of Thursday 3rd March 2022, Josh and Jack were both passengers in the rear of a car that was involved in a crash. There were no other cars involved, and both sadly died at the scene. The driver and front seat passenger received minor injuries and have since been discharged from hospital.

Everyone in the school is deeply saddened and shocked by their deaths and our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with their families and friends at this difficult time.

In school, we are supporting students with processing this news, we recognise they may feel sad or upset and we will be there to support them and help them with any difficult feelings. We also recognise that young people find routines reassuring and calming and so we will be continuing to keep routines in place for students, so that they feel safe and secure in school.

It may be that, over the coming days and weeks, your child wishes to talk about what has happened or requires additional support. We have therefore organised our academy counsellor, Mrs White, to be available for any student that would like to speak to someone. If you think your child would benefit from this, please do contact her on dwe@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

The welfare of our students is always our highest priority and, as you know, we have several projects in school to help our young people with their mental health and wellbeing. In addition, there are many local and national support services, advice and resources available to support young people and their families, details of which can be found on the <u>Your Mind Matters webpages</u>.

Tragic events such as this only increase our focus on these issues and any parent who has concerns about their child's wellbeing, even if it is not school related, should always feel encouraged to speak to us so that we can help you access the most appropriate support.

Yours faithfully

Paul Slaughter **Principal**

