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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware of the tragic death of Zaine Grieve on Sunday 17 June 2018. Our school community is saddened by the tragic loss of Zaine and our thoughts are with the family and his wide group of friends. These times are very difficult for all involved and as well as those directly impacted it affects a wide range of people. As a school we have worked to support young people in school through our extended Pupil Support team which involves Guidance, Pupil Support Staff, Year Heads, Pupil Support Workers and School Nurse. We are also in contact with agencies that provide counselling for groups and individuals and are currently putting in place groups to support young people. If you feel your young person would benefit from this type of support please contact your child's Guidance teacher. We have also made young people aware of some of the online resources which are recommended and these may be of interest to parents. These are:

<http://www.crusescotland.org.uk/support/support-for-young-people.html>

<https://childbereavementuk.org/young-people/>

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/366051/Talking-About-Bereavement.pdf>

Zaine's funeral is on Thursday 28 June at Portlethen Parish Church. As family and friends are invited we are sure a number of Zaine's friends will wish to attend. If this is the case for your son/daughter please can you alert the school to this so that we can keep accurate registers and so that young people are not out of school without our knowledge and vulnerable. A note to the school or a phone call will be sufficient.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Neil Morrison
Head Teacher