



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

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29th August 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sadly, the school has experienced the passing of one of our incoming first year students Tara Bishop. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Tara.

Just last week Tara had joined us for induction on Monday, and was really excited to be starting here with us in Presentation Wexford.

We have support structures in place to help your child cope with this tragedy, such as our counselling services in the school.

It is possible that your child may have some feelings and questions that she may like to discuss with you. It is important to give information that is appropriate to their age.

You can help your child by taking time to listen and by encouraging them to express their feelings. All children are different and will express their feelings in different ways. It is not uncommon for children to have difficulty concentrating or to be fearful, anxious, or irritable. They may become withdrawn, cry, complain of physical aches and pains, have difficulty sleeping or have nightmares. Some may not want to eat. These are generally short-term reactions. Over the course of the days to come, please keep an eye on your child and allow him/her to express their feelings without criticism. Although classes will continue as usual, I anticipate that the next few days will be difficult for everyone.

Young people frequently turn to social media to see what others are saying, or to find out more. At these times, it is important that you monitor their use and engage with them about what they read. We urge you to emphasise and reinforce the need to be extremely sensitive and careful about what they post.

If you would like advice, you may contact myself at the number below.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bishop family, and Tara's friends at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Sincerely,

Principal

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