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Dear parents/carers

We are truly devastated at the death of Brianna Ghey and this is understandably a very difficult and distressing time for our students, staff, and the wider community.

Brianna was a strong and larger than life character in our school community. She was respected and admired by her peers and was a role model for many of our students, particularly those in our LGBTQ+ school community. Our school tribute to Brianna can be viewed on our website at [birchwoodhigh.org/brianna](http://birchwoodhigh.org/brianna).

I would like to thank you for your support and empathy during this week. As a school, it has been extremely difficult to try and process this tragedy, and we are doing our best to provide support to our staff and students in their grief.

I know that you understand that communication from the school remains restricted as the police investigation continues. I would like to remind everyone of Cheshire Police's request to be mindful of any reporting, commentary, or sharing of information online that could relate to the case in any way, and I would like to thank everyone who has respected this.

If anyone has a specific issue that they would like to raise with the school, I encourage you to do so through the proper channels.

Best wishes and take care,



**Emma Mills**

Headteacher