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Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: MEDICAL INDICENT – THURSDAY 02 MARCH 2023**

I am devastated to have to let you know that one of our students Kayla Ere died last night following a long fight to stay alive throughout the day.

Kayla collapsed suddenly in PE yesterday and went into cardiac arrest. The medical team at The Gateway Academy, paramedics and doctors worked tirelessly to support Kayla before the air ambulance transferred her to Kings College hospital, where a team of doctors and specialists tried for many hours to help Kayla.

Kayla had no prior medical conditions and the family are devastated to have such tragic news at this time. We will do everything we can to support them. We will be in touch early next week with regards to how we are going to remember Kayla at The Gateway Academy, as an outstanding student, who brought a wonderful smile to our Academy and was deeply committed to her studies.

As you will be aware, staff, students and the whole GLC community will be completely devastated. We would appreciate your support to keep an eye on your child regarding the hearing of such tragic and shocking news. Your child may or may not want to talk about it but it is likely that they will need your special care, attention and reassurance at this difficult time.

We are all deeply affected by the loss of a beautiful young student but we are doing everything we can to support our students and Kayla's family.

We will speak to all students this morning and encourage them to speak to the staff if they need support. Students will be able to speak to their Lead Coach or teachers as well, if they need to. We also have access to professionals who are providing guidance and support; enabling us to give emotional support to the children and each other throughout this difficult time.

If you wish for your child to remain at home today, following such sad news, their absence will be authorised. We will continue to update you when we have any further news.

Our prayers are with Kayla and her family, her friends and everyone within her community at this difficult time and the whole community sends them our most sincere sympathy and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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