



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Use of the drug MDMA (Ecstasy) in the local community**

The staff and governors of King James's School are saddened to hear about the death of a 15 year old girl in Northallerton over the weekend. We know this tragedy has touched the lives of pupils and the wider school communities at a number of schools in the area and we send our deepest condolences to all family and friends. We are working hard to support pupils through this difficult time and we are receiving help from North Yorkshire County Council and other agencies.

While investigations into both the circumstances in this instance and the substance involved are continuing we want to make sure you get access to the help and advice you may need if you have any concerns.

### **Where you can get advice and guidance**

We have attached some information from North Yorkshire Public Health service which advises what parents and carers can look out for and who to go to for help and advice on the following link <http://www.talktofrank.com/>

If you have concerns about the welfare of your child or another child in community you should call North Yorkshire County Council's contact centre on 01609 780780.

### **How to report any information to the police**

Where schools receive intelligence about drug use and those involved, we will pass that information to the police. If you have any information about the current investigation please call the North Yorkshire Police Force Control Room on 101, quoting reference 12190085105.

Parents and carers can be assured that we continue to work hard to support children and young people to understand the dangers of drugs and to help them make informed decisions and we all deliver education programmes designed specifically for those purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Carl Sugden  
Headteacher