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Dear Parent

Assurance regarding national issues

You may have seen through various media outlets over recent weeks, that there has been a lot of coverage about peer-on-peer sexual abuse amongst teenagers. These issues are concerning for us all and we take them very seriously.

The safeguarding of our students has always been our top priority and we have robust systems in place to ensure this. Nevertheless, we want to be sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure our children remain safe in school and feel confident in reporting abuse should it happen.

With the support of Creative Education Trust (CET), we have therefore been taking the following actions:

1. Contributing to a task group of senior CET staff who will oversee all of the Trust's work to safeguard its students in this respect.
2. Reviewing all relevant policies to be sure that peer-on-peer sexual abuse is appropriately addressed through clear guidance and reporting systems.
3. Reviewing our relationships and sex education curriculum to be sure that these issues are addressed with students appropriately, and that our students have a voice.
4. Implementing additional staff training and providing colleagues with access to additional resources, to ensure they are best placed to educate and support students.
5. Providing the necessary resources and key messages to students on appropriate behaviours and safe reporting procedures.

As with all policy or curriculum updates, we will continue to ensure that the latest versions are available through our website.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss H Seath
Vice Principal

Mr B Driver
Principal