

***Vision:** To inspire students to become **confident, ethical** and individuals with the aspiration and qualities to shape a **better** j*

***Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the sexual exploitation of children across the UK has been in the news recently especially in light of the issues in Rotherham, Rochdale, Swindon and Bristol and continues to be a concern in Gloucestershire.

This activity in secondary schools is part of a proactive programme of work around raising and tackling the complex nature of Child Sexual Exploitation and being supported by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Executive and all Partner Agencies in the county. The play has over the last eight years been presented to over 72,000 year 8 students across the county and was extremely successful. Dangers can come from the any area of their lives, the internet and social networking sites such Facebook, twitter and snapchat but also through friendship groups and people known to the young people themselves.

We also know that the best protection we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves, as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried.

In order to do this, we are presenting an interactive play to all of our Year 8 students which will tackle the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation during their RE lessons week beginning 1st and 8th March. The play is called Chelsea's Story and will provide an opportunity for interaction with the actors helping students to see the choices Chelsea has made and how she might have chosen differently. We will provide an information sheet which has been designed with input from young people to all students on where to go if they are worried about exploitation, feel forced into doing something they don't want to, or if they feel they are at risk. School staff will also be on hand to help with questions.

Students will be given a link to watch the lesson. The first lesson (Thursday 25th Feb) students will work with Mrs Brain on the topic and then Year 8A will watch the performance on Tuesday 2nd March lesson 4 and Year 8B will watch it on Thursday 4th March.

The play has been seen by thousands of young people & hundreds of professionals & has proven highly effective at covering:-

- What makes a Healthy Relationship
- What makes an Unhealthy Relationship
- Safe Internet Use/Sexting
- What is Consent
- The Grooming Process, Child Sexual Exploitation & the differing methods
- Avoiding Victim Blaming

Where to go for help & advice

For further information email: Gloucestershire Safeguarding Education Partnership
GSEP@gloucestershire.gov.uk

If you wish for your son/daughter to be withdrawn from the performance please contact school and leave your name and your child's name.

We hope that this will be a powerful and memorable way to enhance the PSHE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe. If you would like to watch the performance with your son/daughter you will be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Pauline Brain