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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you will be aware, our statutory PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) & RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) curriculum covers a wide range of topics and issues, all aimed at supporting students to understand and relate to a range of topics, as well as being able to respect difference and understand the importance of equality for all – whether it be religion, race, language, colour, age, disability, gender or sexual orientation.

For the most part, FHS students do respect others and do respect that other people maybe different to themselves – but are of no less value or importance than themselves. However, sadly, there are a small number of students who are persisting in bigoted attitudes towards others – but are trying to mask it as humour or ‘banter’ when in reality are trying to humiliate or degrade others – such as homophobic and transphobic comments and remarks, racial slurs and so forth.

We would be very grateful if you could spend a few moments over the course of this half term having a conversation with your child to gauge their views and impress upon them the importance of equality and tolerance – we are all trying to work together to support students to be valued members of society in the wider world as they grow up – a place where the humiliation or degradation of others (as in school) will not be tolerated, nor is acceptable in the 21st century.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

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