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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Interactive Play - Wednesday March 19th.

As I am sure you are aware, the sexual exploitation of children across the UK has been in the news recently and continues to be a concern.

Dangers can come from many areas of children's lives, through friendship groups or people known to them and from the internet and social networking sites such Facebook and Twitter. 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 9 pupils which will tackle the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation on Wednesday March 19th.

The play is performed by a theatre company, Alter Ego, and is called Chelsea's Choice. It focuses on Chelsea's diary and provides an opportunity for interaction with the actors helping pupils 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 pupils 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 and other professionals will also be on hand to help with questions.

This activity in secondary schools is part of a proactive programme of work around raising awareness and tackling the complex nature of Child Sexual Exploitation. It is being supported by Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board and all partner agencies in the county. I have also viewed it along with members of our safeguarding team, and it is very good and very necessary.

We hope that this will be a powerful and memorable way to enhance the Personal, Health and Social, Education curriculum and help our young people to stay safe.

We have also provided an information sheet for parents, which includes details of a free online learning course designed for parents about Child Sexual Exploitation along with organisations that offer support to young people.

If you have any concerns please contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully,

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