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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Chelsea's Choice – A Performance for Year 9 on 19th October 2017.

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.

The social networking sites of Facebook, Snapchat and Twitter are not always the safe channels of correspondence that they appear to be. Relationships can become problematic, too, when young people are befriended by characters who appear pleasant but are exploitative.

The best form of protection is knowledge. Raising awareness of a real and present danger does help keep young people safe by offering them insight, coping strategies and knowledge of safe places to go for support, should they be worried.

Chelsea's Choice is an interactive play that tackles the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation in an accessible way. Actors present the life of Chelsea in a manner that makes it clear that individuals have choices, and safe choices lead to a safe outcome.

Offering the opportunity to discuss Chelsea's dilemma, and the consequences of her choices, gives students the chance to explore different routes out of a difficult situation. A specially designed information sheet gives details of where to go and what to do, should a student be worried that they are being coerced or forced into doing something they do not want to, or being asked to do something that may put them at risk of being exploited. Throughout, school staff will be on hand to offer assistance, answer questions and reassure.

This activity is part of a proactive programme of work aimed at tackling the complex nature of Child Sexual Exploitation. It is supported by the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board and their partner agencies. The play has previously been presented to students at Great Marlow School and has been extremely successful.

We hope that this performance enhances the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) wellbeing of our students and guides them towards making choices that keeps them safe.

Yours faithfully

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