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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring two key topics in PHSE as follows:

Child Exploitation Awareness Week (w/c 20th March)

To coincide with Child Exploitation Awareness Day on March 18th 2023 and the Children's Society's Look Closer Campaign, we will be looking at different aspects of exploitation next week. This will include discussions around knife crime, modern slavery, child criminal and sexual exploitation (CCE and CSE) and The CIRV (Community Initiative to Reduce Violence) are coming in to speak to our Year 7 students. We will also be offering support and information on how our young people can keep themselves safe and where they can report worries both in school and out. You can find out more information and support around this on the following links:

- [#KnivesEndLives - Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board \(northamptonshirescb.org.uk\)](https://northamptonshirescb.org.uk)
- [#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://childrenssociety.org.uk)
- [Child sexual exploitation \(CSE\) | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://barnardos.org.uk)

Harmful Sexual Behaviours (HSB) (w/c 27th March)

The NSPCC defines Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) as 'developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour displayed by children and young people which is harmful or abusive'. Harmful sexual behaviour is characterised by a range of behaviours that can include sexual/sexist - name calling, sexual harassment, online sexual bullying, sexual image sharing and sexual assault. Ofsted conducted a national review into HSB, published in 2021, which concluded that these behaviours are happening in every school in the country and not only are they happening, but they are occurring far more than any adults know - including us and you.

Our key message is that 'It's not ok' as this is what we need to get across. Whilst these behaviours have unfortunately become the norm across society, that does not mean they should be tolerated. The message we will be sharing with students in assemblies is that every time such behaviour goes unchallenged, it is the same as accepting it. We will be talking about us as parents, not wanting our children to be exposed to such harmful behaviours regardless of how 'typical' they are. There are some fantastic resources created by the NSPCC which form part of our campaign for awareness and cessation. Feel free to look and please - continue the conversation at home, this is an issue affecting all of our young people today - [Harmful sexual behaviour \(HSB\) or peer-on-peer sexual abuse | NSPCC Learning](#). We will be learning about Harmful Sexual Behaviour through assemblies, tutor times and student voice. As always, there will be information on support for our young people should they find this topic distressing.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Together we can ensure that we work together to keep our children safe.

Yours sincerely



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