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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware, back in 2021 Ofsted was asked by the government to carry out a rapid review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges. In Ofsted's report, children and young people reported the following things happened "a lot or sometimes" to them or their peers:

- unwanted touching;
- pressure to do sexual things they didn't want to;
- sexual assault of any kind;
- unwanted or inappropriate sexual comments;
- sexist name calling;
- being sent explicit pictures or videos of things they did not want to see.

The frequency of these harmful sexual behaviours means that some children and young people consider them normal and it is our job to challenge it.

We 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 being delivered by Loudmouth Education and Training to all of our **Year 9** pupils which will tackle the difficult issue of sexual violence and sexual harassment on **Tuesday 11th July**. The play is called "Calling it Out" and raises awareness of sexual behaviours, sexual harassment, sexual assault, pornography, consent and misogyny.

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 any of the issues raised within the play. Tutors, Student Support Mentors and Heads of House will also be on hand to help with questions.

The Calling It Out programme supports the ongoing work in schools and colleges to create a culture where sexual harassment and sexual abuse are not tolerated and is being funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning and is supported by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and all Partner Agencies in the county.

We hope that this will be a powerful and memorable way to enhance the RSHE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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