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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have seen through various media outlets over the Easter Holidays, that there has been a lot of coverage about peer-on-peer sexual abuse in schools. These issues are concerning for all of us and we take them very seriously. The safeguarding of our pupils has always been our top priority. Nevertheless, we want to be sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your children are safe in school and feel confident in reporting abuse should it happen.

We are therefore taking the following actions:

1. Set up a task group of senior head office staff to oversee all of the Trust's work to safeguard its pupils in this respect.
2. Reviewing all relevant policies to be sure that peer-on-peer sexual abuse is appropriately addressed through clear guidance and reporting systems.
3. Reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum (RSE) to be sure that these issues are addressed with pupils wherever possible.
4. Implementing additional staff training and providing them with additional resources.
5. Providing the necessary resources and key messages to students on appropriate behaviours and safe reporting procedures.

Although we don't anticipate substantial changes to our policies or our RSE Curriculum, we will ensure that the latest versions are always available and that documentation on our website is up to date.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida

**Principal**