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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Sexual Harassment among school-age children

As you will be aware from the media there has recently been a review into sexual harassment among school-age children.

This can involve things like sexist name-calling, inappropriate touching, receiving unwanted explicit pictures or being asked for "nudes".

This is a topic that as a school we are trying to raise awareness about. We would like to ensure that all children understand sexual harassment is not acceptable.

Part of what we intend to do is to increase our RHSE provision, so topics like sexual harassment and consent are discussed on a weekly basis. It is important that we try to educate children that this behaviour is not OK, whilst at the same time we support those that need it.

I believe the more this is discussed the more chance we have at stopping it. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could support us by talking to your child about what is and isn't acceptable behaviour. Ideally talking to them on a regular basis to make it easy for them to let you know if they need support. It would also be sensible to monitor their electronic devices, so you are aware of what they are doing online. No young person is too young or too old to discuss this with.

Finally please remind your children they can talk to me about this topic in school, or email me at karenoneill@disshigh.co.uk at any time.

Any 6th form concerns can be directed to Mr Hurley at jameshurley@disshigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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