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Our Ref: LD/MS/cc/Ofsted review sexual abuse

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following Ofsted's review of sexual abuse in schools that was published on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021, I wanted to share with you some updates on this matter.

The report highlights that some people claim peer-on-peer abuse is just part of growing up and, in some media reports, young people feel that sexual harassment, unwanted sexual behaviours and online sexual abuse, is so commonplace that they no longer think about reporting it.

At Barr Beacon School there is a 'zero tolerance' on any incidents that indicate sexual harassment and online sexual abuse. During week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, a virtual assembly was delivered to all our pupils. This detailed what peer-on-peer-abuse is and that there is no line between 'banter' and any form of bullying or abuse. Bullying, including sexual harassment and online sexual abuse, will not be tolerated at Barr Beacon School.

Safeguarding in the curriculum is delivered through our assemblies, tutor time and Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons. The Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum this year has been carefully planned out to meet the Department for Education's (DfE's) statutory guidance, which specifically includes sexual harassment and sexual violence, including online, as well as a focus on the laws of sharing images, consent and unwanted touching.

Our role as school is not only to educate pupils but to support you in identifying potential risks children may face in an ever changing community. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to share a free course specifically designed for parents and carers; 'Keeping your Children Safe on Social Media', being delivered by Walsall College. Here is the link to register your interest in the session: <https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/shortcourses2021/>. In addition to the free NSPCC helpline-0800 136 135, for victims of sexual abuse in schools.

We continue to share our ethos of being a 'telling school' to encourage pupils to report any incidents. During this week, assemblies are being delivered to all year groups to remind them of this and in light of feedback from our Anti-Bullying Champions, introducing a way that pupils can report incidents of bullying and peer on peer abuse if they are unable to speak to a member of staff. Pupils can report an incident via their school email address to [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

As a school, all matters will be dealt with most seriously. At times, the safeguarding team may need to seek advice from outside agencies, including the Police and Children Services where incidents of sexual harassment and abuse has taken place. .

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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