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Dear Parents/Carers

The Government have set out an initiative with regards to schools preventing and responding to Sexual Harassment and sexual violence between children and young people. It is our legal obligation as a school to educate our students on the definition, types, effects and protection against sexual harassment. All students in Year 7 to 11 had an assembly last week (age appropriate) delivered by our safeguarding lead, Mrs Price. Year 12 – 13 will have their assemblies over the next two weeks.

What is Sexual Harassment?

Sexual harassment is unwanted and unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature which can occur online and offline. The definitions used by the Department for Education (DfE) are as follows:

- Peer on peer sexual abuse: this includes sexual violence, sexual harassment, upskirting and sexting.
- Sexual harassment: this includes sexual comments, sexual jokes or taunting, physical behaviours such as deliberately brushing against someone, displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature
- Online Sexual harassment: this includes sharing of sexual images, sexual comments and messages, sexual exploitation, coercion and threats
- Sexual violence

Signs to look for

- Child becoming withdrawn
- Is this affecting my child's ability to learn or enjoy school or classroom activities
- Do you feel that one person has power over your child
- Is the behaviour part of a repeated pattern
- Secretive with their phone and social media accounts

At Etone we will:

- Raise awareness through assemblies and educate our pupils about unacceptable behaviour
- Discuss issues through Learning for Life lessons and meet statutory RHSE guidance
- Ensure pupils are clear of how to report sexual harassment and know that "we are a telling & listening school"
- Support pupils with personalised programmes
- Train our staff on how to support pupils and challenge sexual harassment
- Provide information to support parents and carers
- Take the views of the pupils to ensure they feel safe and comfortable at all times

If you are concerned and want to report an incident, please contact your child's Head of House or DSL.



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The Government has also asked NSPCC to set up a helpline for children and adults who need advice and support; Phone Number 0800 136 663 or Email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges>

We encourage you to review the guide with your child and have open, supportive conversations at home to help them feel safe and informed.

Yours faithfully



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