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Dear Parent/Carer

## Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges

Ofsted has recently published its findings from a recent review into sexual abuse in schools and colleges. This review was commissioned in response to the concerns being raised through the large number of anonymous postings on the Everyone's Invited website regarding experiences involving harassment and abuse of young people, some of which has happened in schools.

The research and analysis report can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges> and will stimulate further discussion, review and action planning in Hertfordshire to ensure that we make our schools as safe as possible for all young people.

Education around healthy relationships is an important part of our curriculum for students. It follows the Department for Education's new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum that schools are required to deliver. This covers key issues in relation to sexual abuse and harassment, particularly the area of consent, at age-appropriate levels for children in different Key Stages. We consulted, asked for feedback, and published our Relationships and Sex Education Policy in 2019/20 in advance of the new curriculum being introduced from September 2020. The policy can be found here:

<https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/06/Relationships-and-Sex-Education-Policy.pdf> and will be reviewed in 2021/22. If you have further feedback at any time, please contact Mrs Goodes, Vice Principal at [goodesm@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:goodesm@haileyburyturnford.com)

The local authority has also commissioned a working group to consider the issues arising from the Everyone's Invited website and the report into sexual abuse produced by Ofsted. The working group will collate guidance and materials to support all schools in Hertfordshire with providing a high quality RSE curriculum and excellent standards of behaviour within a culture and ethos of respect and safety for all learners.

I would like to assure you that this is a very important focus for our school community, and we will continue to work with all students and families to promote a healthy and respectful environment for everyone.

If a student has any concerns, they should contact their Year Achievement Coordinator, Assistant Year Achievement Coordinator, form tutor, or one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads which are listed on the school website here: <https://haileyburyturnford.com/safeguarding/>

Yours faithfully



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