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Dear parents/carers,

As you may be aware, it is becoming increasingly clear that sexual harassment and sexual violence, including online, is a prevalent issue in schools, both primary and secondary. This is a national issue and has been a recent focus by Ofsted following a review they completed in Summer 2020. In this review they uncovered some worrying statistics regarding how common harmful sexual behaviour in schools is, how this behaviour is becoming 'normalised' and how infrequently young people report this. Ofsted's view is:

'Schools and colleges need to create an environment where staff model respectful and appropriate behaviour, where children and young people are clear about what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour, and where they are confident to ask for help and support when they need it.'

[Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/reviews/sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges)

As you will be aware, school's have a duty of care to ensure that all children are safeguarded, whilst in school but also outside of school. We also have a duty to understand whether these issues are present at our school so that we are able to address concerns and tackle unhealthy attitudes.

With this in mind, the school has decided to take part in a pilot programme to address these issues, delivered by Online Behaviours Ltd, Squirrel Learning Ltd in collaboration with psychologists. The first part of the programme will involve an anonymous survey of young people. The survey has been written by professionals, and uses language associated with sexualised behaviour, online and offline. The language used in the survey has been carefully considered and approved by the school. We believe that the questions asked have to be authentic and honest so that the school receives meaningful results on which we can act.

We are writing to inform you that the survey will be carried out in school week beginning 4th April. No personal information will be collected or shared – individual young people cannot be identified.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours Sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher/DSL

