



11 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 10 PSHE Lesson - Negatives of Pornography**

On Friday 14 February there will be a timetable change, and your year 10 child will have a PSHE lesson during Period 1. The lesson will be taught in their normal Period 1 lesson and room unless they hear otherwise. The lesson will be on the **negative** effects of pornography on healthy relationships.

The learning objectives are:

- Revisit how pornography gives people a warped view of sex and relationships
- Know the laws around pornography, including revenge porn (intimate image abuse)
- Know the links between social media and pornography
- Know some of the risks of pornography, including addiction, objectification, impact on body image and sexual violence

I understand that the content may raise parental concerns. The PSHE specialist team have spent significant time developing the resources for this lesson and we have regularly reviewed our delivery. The main purpose of this lesson is based on the statutory RSE curriculum 2019 (Relationship & Sex Education) introduced by the government, which states "The principal aim of teaching young people about pornography is to keep them safe from harm." The statutory guidance also states that secondary age children need to know the following:

- The impact of viewing harmful content
- That specifically sexually explicit material, e.g. pornography, presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners
- Pupils should be aware of the relevant legal provisions when relevant topics are being taught, including for example... pornography

The school office has a copy of the Statutory RSE curriculum and the PowerPoint we will be delivering as a specialist team to your son/daughter if you are still concerned.

If you feel there are any sensitivities for your child around this subject, please let us know.

If it's possible for you to follow up with discussions at home this will help to embed the learning. If you think of any areas, we can improve upon then please let us know.

Kind regards

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