



8 June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

The personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) curriculum in Year 7 includes a series of sex and relationship education (SRE) lessons. These focus mainly on explaining and preparing students for the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty. The programme covers our legal responsibilities to discuss a range of sensitive issues. To this end, we have invited a guest speaker, Dr Leila Rushamba from the Royal Berks Hospital, to visit next Wednesday 13th June to speak to Year 7 in their PSHE lesson about the topic of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) at an appropriate level and with culturally sensitive information for their age.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you in advance of this session, as your daughter may wish to talk to you about the lesson afterwards. Our safeguarding policy, to be found here <http://schl.cc/3j>, covers our responsibilities in this area, and includes examples of safeguarding scenario discussions we use to assist our girls in keeping themselves safe.

If you have any questions about this session, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Mrs Johanna Axtell, or myself in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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Penny Hawker
Deputy Head Senior Girls Pastoral Lead

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Margaret Heywood
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