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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges

I wanted to make you aware that Ofsted have published their 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](#), 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. At RPS the safeguarding and pastoral teams are studying carefully the findings of the report to see where we can further improve the work we already do to educate our students about the appropriate use of sexualised language, keeping themselves safe online; especially with regard to taking and sharing 'nudes', consent and healthy relationships.

Education around healthy relationships has long been established in our school but recently the Department for Education devised a new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum that schools are required to deliver and staff have received training. 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.

The local authority has also commissioned a short-term working group to consider the issues arising from the Everyone's Invited initiative and the report into sexual abuse produced by Ofsted, in order to provide guidance and support to all schools in Hertfordshire and to help them to ensure that there is a high quality RSE curriculum, impacting on excellent standards of behaviour and manifesting in a culture and ethos of safety for all learners in all schools.

I would like to assure you that this is a matter that is taken most seriously at Roundwood Park and that we will work with families to promote a healthy and respectful environment for everyone.

Yours faithfully,

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