



Churchdown School Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, the sexual exploitation of children across the UK has been in the news recently especially in light of the issues in Rotherham, Rochdale, Swindon and Bristol and continues to be a concern.

Dangers can come from any area of their lives, the internet and social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat but also through friendship groups and people known to the young people themselves.

We also know that the best protection we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves, as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried.

In order to do this, we are proposing to present an interactive play to all of our Year 8 students which will tackle the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation on Tuesday 6 November 2018. The play is called Chelsea's Choice and will provide an opportunity for interaction with the actors helping students to see the choices Chelsea has made and how she might have chosen differently. A sheet designed by young people will be given to students which tells them where to go and who to talk to if they are worried about exploitation, feel forced into doing something they don't want to, or if they feel they are at risk. School staff will also be on hand to help with any questions which may arise.

This activity in secondary schools is part of a proactive programme of work around raising and tackling the complex nature of Child Sexual Exploitation and being supported by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and all Partner Agencies in the county. The play was presented to 9000 Year 8 students across the county last year and was extremely successful.

We hope that this will be a powerful and memorable way to enhance the PSHCEE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe.

If you do have any questions/queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Burchell
PSHCEE Co-ordinator

