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Dear parent/carer

I hope you have all had a good start back after the summer.

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we are delighted to invite back a group who provide a powerful and memorable way to enhance the PSHE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe. They present an interactive play to all of our Year 8 pupils, tackling the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation, on Tuesday 19th September. The play is called Chelsea's Story and will provide an opportunity for interaction with the actors helping pupils to see the choices Chelsea has made and how she might have chosen differently. We will offer an information sheet, designed with input from young people to all pupils on where to go 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 questions.

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 Partnership and all Partner Agencies in the county. The play has, over the last ten years, been presented to over 90,000 year 8 pupils across the county and continues to be extremely successful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any gueries.

Your sincerely,

Mrs M Dempsey Head of PSHE

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