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Dear Parent/Carer,

Female Genital Mutilation

I wanted to take the opportunity to inform you that next term your year 7 child will be looking at female genital mutilation (FGM) in one of their Values and Society lessons.

Please note that this is a statutory requirement and is in place to ensure we safeguard children. It is essential that every young person, as a citizen in a diverse society should learn about FGM.

The lesson will explore in an age-appropriate manner:

- What FGM is and how it affects people
- The law on FGM
- How to manage the threat of FGM for themselves and others
- How to seek help and support if FGM has happened

This will build on what may have been taught in primary school. In terms of FGM, prevention is key, and this is what the Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) element of our Values and Societies curriculum aims to do. Our lessons aim to be effective at equipping young people with the skills that will help to keep them and others safe. There are critical timescales when it comes to FGM as it is more likely to be carried out before puberty, hence why we're addressing it in year 7.

If you wish to view the lesson resources on FGM or have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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