

1st March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## RE 'Unacceptable' by Alter Ego Creative Solutions

Between Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Local Authority have commissioned Applied Theatre specialist Alter Ego Creative Solutions to tour secondary schools and other suitable venues in East Sussex with their highly engaging production 'Unacceptable'.

The play has been developed by the creative and experienced team behind the hugely successful 'Chelsea's Story' (formerly 'Chelsea's Choice'), 'In the Net', 'Going to Extremes', 'CLICK' and 'County Lines' and includes a free of charge production of 'Unacceptable' at Seahaven Academy on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Year 9 students.

'Unacceptable' is a new production, aimed at raising awareness, igniting conversations and promoting cultural change around Sexism, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. In order to create change, we need to understand what they are, what creates them and what we can do to respond to these incidents and attitudes.

Councils, charities, support agencies, schools, parents and carers all need to engage with and acknowledge these issues in order to give young people the tools and knowledge that they need to keep themselves and their friends safe.

The 60-minute production and post-show talk will help to raise awareness of:

- Sexual Harassment and Sexist stereotypes, attitudes and behaviours
- Where these types of attitudes and behaviours come from and what their effects are
- Consent and how to respond and/or report these behaviours

These are highly sensitive subjects, and every care has been taken to ensure that the production is hard-hitting and relevant without being graphic or offensive. The issues are raised and discussed in a manner entirely relevant and suitable for the target age group. The production of 'Unacceptable' forms part of a PSHE package of support for secondary and special schools, which includes a pre and post-production lesson.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the production please contact Natalie Johnson (Head of PSHE) who will be happy to set your mind at rest.

Yours Sincerely Natalie Johnson, Head of PSHE



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