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Dear Parent/carer,

As part of the year 7 PSHE curriculum, students will cover FGM (female genital mutilation) in term 5. This a part of the statutory PSHE curriculum. FGM is when a female's genitals are deliberately altered or removed for non-medical reasons. It's also known as 'female circumcision' or 'cutting' but has many other names. It is a cultural practice in many countries in the world, but it is dangerous and is a criminal offence in the UK.

The lesson is carefully planned to be sensitive and age appropriate, and there will be opportunities for the students to ask questions.

We felt that it was important to inform parents/carers so that you are prepared for questions that your children may come home with, or discussions that wish to have after the lesson.

If you wish to preview the lesson materials, you are very welcome to contact Natalie Johnson (Head of PSHE) and the resources can be shared with you.

Please see below a link to the NSPCC website for further information on FGM and if you have further questions about the lesson, or more generally about FGM or other safeguarding issues then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Female Genital Mutilation - Prevent & Protect | NSPCC

**Yours Sincerely** 

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