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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the KS3 PSHE curriculum, students will soon be learning about FGM (female genital mutilation).

This topic is included within the statutory PSHE programme and therefore students cannot be withdrawn from the lesson.

FGM refers to the deliberate alteration or removal of female genitalia for non-medical reasons. It is sometimes called “female circumcision” or “cutting”, among other names. Although it is a cultural practice in some countries, it is dangerous and is a criminal offence in the UK.

The lesson has been carefully designed to ensure it is handled sensitively and appropriately for the students’ age. There will also be opportunities for students to ask questions in a safe and supportive environment.

We wanted to make you aware in advance so that you are prepared for any questions or conversations your child may wish to have following the lesson.

If you would like to preview the lesson materials, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to share the resources with you.

For further information on FGM, please see the NSPCC website linked below. Should you have any questions about the lesson or about FGM or safeguarding more generally, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[Female Genital Mutilation - Prevent & Protect | NSPCC](#)

Kind regards,

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