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Dear Parent or Carer

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and parental / carer awareness

I write regard to the sensitive but important subject of child sexual exploitation (CSE).

This is a topic which you may have seen or heard about through the national and local media, and which has featured in storylines on television dramas such as Eastenders and Casualty.

The numbers of children we are aware of as being either at risk of, or actually being, sexually exploited, are relatively small. However, we do want to be proactive in helping parents and carers to be aware of the risks that their children may meet, either face to face or virtually through social media and the internet.

The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board has therefore asked schools and academies to contact all parents and carers to alert them to a free on-line learning course which has been designed specifically for them. I support this request and would encourage you to complete this short introduction to the issues.

To access this course, you can go to the website <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/> and follow the simple registration process.

The material itself is brief, easy to navigate, and is not graphic in any way. It sensitively provides parents and carers with information on the warning signs of CSE, and also gives information on what to do if you are concerned about your child, or indeed any child.

The ultimate aim is to prevent children being exploited, or for adults to recognise at an early stage that there is a potential problem. The information also gives ideas about who can help in the event of a concern.

If you are concerned that your child is at risk of being sexually exploited then you can contact Children's Social Care at the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 500 80 80. In an emergency you can of course contact the Police. You are also able to discuss your child with a member of staff here at school if you have any worries.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher etc