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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware of the media attention surrounding allegations of sexual abuse and violence in schools and colleges highlighted by the “**Everyone’s invited**” website. There has been a subsequent announcement that there will be an **Ofsted review of sexual abuse**.

Whilst there is a clear focus on schools and colleges, it is recognised that these issues are complex and sensitive and reach beyond the school gates and into wider society. Schools clearly have a crucial role to play in teaching young people about sexual consent and respect for women and girls but schools cannot do this job alone. Parents and families also have a role and there are clearly issues for us to address in wider society.

I wanted to highlight this to you as there may well be concerns amongst our school community, students, staff and parents and carers. **The NSPCC** have launched a new dedicated, confidential helpline – **Report Abuse in Education** - which is available to current or past victims as well as parents, carers or professionals with concerns. The helpline will be open for 6 months and the number is **0800 136 663**. It is free and anonymous and will be open Monday to Friday 8am – 10pm and Saturday to Sunday 9am – 6pm.

[Dedicated helpline for victims of abuse in schools | NSPCC](#)

We regularly monitor our safeguarding practice and will continue to do so.

Kind regards

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Wheatfields Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

