



Allenbourn Middle School
East Borough, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1PL
Email: office@allenbournmiddle.org **Tel:** 01202 886738
www.allenbournmiddle.org
Headteacher: Mr M Legge B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

7th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, the sexual exploitation of children and young people across the UK has always been a concern and numbers affected are sadly on the increase.

Risks can come from any area of their lives; through the Internet and social networking sites such Facebook and Twitter, but also through friendship groups and from individuals known to the young people themselves.

We also know that the best protection we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers, so that they are aware and can protect themselves (and their friends), as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried.

The play, now called Chelsea's Story (previously known as Chelsea's Choice), explores this theme. The production is based on a real life account that has been sensitively produced into a piece of Theatre In Education. This play has been presented to over 40,000 young people nationally and feedback is very positive. It is a play which we have shown to our Year 8 pupils for many years, as we feel it is an excellent platform through which to help educate our young people.

I am pleased to say that, in collaboration with other Initio Learning Trust Schools, we have secured an opportunity for our Year 8 pupils to watch this play and participate in an actor facilitated post-show talk exploring the issues raised. This will take place at St Michael's Middle School on Thursday 9th May 2024. Pupils need to arrive at Allenbourn at the usual time in full school uniform. Allenbourn staff will walk pupils to and from the venue during the school day.

The actors will provide information to our pupils with details about where to go if they are worried about exploitation, feel forced into doing something they don't want to, or if they feel they are at risk.

This production is closely linked to our current PSHE unit on Identity and Relationships. I believe that this is a powerful and memorable way to enhance the PSHE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe.





Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MS' or similar initials.

Mr Smith
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead/ KS3 PSHE Lead