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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Personal Development Lessons – Sex and Relationships

As you will know in Personal Development (PD) we deliver a number of age-appropriate lessons on Sex and Relationships, covering such issues as:

Healthy and unhealthy relationships

Consent

Contraception

Pregnancy

Abortion

Sexuality and gender

STIs, including HIV/AIDS

Child Sexual Exploitation – how to recognise the signs, where to access support, etc

Given the need for these lessons to address contemporary issues, and the fact that pornography has become an increasingly high profile issue in the media, we feel that it is now important to also cover issues related to pornography, the laws surrounding it and the impact it can have.

Some of the aspects we plan to cover are:

- What pornography is?
- The difference between 'pornography' and 'child pornography'.
- The legal situation with regard to accessing pornography – what they can and can't do in the eyes of the law.
- The differences between what is portrayed in pornography, and what is 'real'.
- The potential dangers surrounding pornography.

I would like to stress that, at no point, will students be looking at any pornographic materials, either in books/magazines or online. The majority of the time will be spent in discussion, airing personal views, sharing concerns, being able to think about porn critically, and learning how to deal with the increasing pressures on young people. Young people need to understand that there is always a context in porn and how that context is different in the real world.

If you have any concerns about this scheme of work, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. My contact details are: Tel: 01752-843715 ext 235 or egue@saltashcloud.net

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gue'.

Mrs Emma Gue
Head of PD

