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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 10 Student

### **Year 10 Personal Development Lessons**

I am writing to let you know that, as part of our students' study of 'healthy lifestyles' in Personal Development (PD) lessons, students will be covering some issues relating to pornography. High profile cases have raised, among other concerns, the issue of how easily pornography, both legal and illegal, can be accessed on the internet. In our PD lessons here at saltash.net the subject of pornography is regularly raised by students but it is not a subject that we cover in depth as part of our Year 9 Relationships and Sex Education programme.

Some of the aspects we will 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.
- How to deal with 'stumbling across' an image on the internet that may be frightening or worrying.
- That the world of pornography isn't 'real'.
- That it can become dangerous.
- Issues around self-esteem, body image, sexual decision-making, boundaries, equality, love, emotions, etc.

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 pornography 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 pornography and how that context is different in the real world. Also, as part of this unit of work on relationships, Year 10 students will be covering such topics as:

- Healthy diet, body image and eating disorders.
- Smoking, alcohol and drugs.
- STIs, including HIV/AIDS.

If you have any concerns about this scheme of work, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. My contact details are: Telephone: 01752 843715 Ext 235 or [egue@saltashcloud.net](mailto:egue@saltashcloud.net)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Egue'.

Mrs Emma Gue  
Head of Personal Development

