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## Dear Parents/ Carers

Since March 2020, thousands of young people have been sharing their experiences of sexual harassment and bullying through the 'Everyone's Invited' project. This is an online platform where young people have described growing up in a world where sexual harassment, is part of their everyday lives. This harmful behaviour happens online and offline.

At Graham School, as part of our extensive Philosophy and Ethics Programme, we address the issues of healthy and unhealthy relationships and bullying of all kinds. We work with every year group to ensure that the students understand how to keep themselves safe both on and off line and where they can go to access help and support.

The Children's Commissioner for England undertook the largest ever survey of children – The Big Ask – to understand children's lives. She discovered that young people want to talk to their parents and carers about many issues including sexualised bullying. Therefore, the Children's Commissioner brought together a group of 16–21 year-olds and asked them to explain what they think parents should know, and what they should say to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and the pressures of growing up online.

In order to support the parents and carers of Graham School, we are sharing this guidance with you. This guidance is based on the voices of young people giving adults their tips on how to tackle these issues. The parent guide and a poster can be found here: Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents | Children's Commissioner for England

If you would like to discuss these issues further, or you would like any additional support or guidance then please contact the school.

Yours Sincerely,

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