



27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

You will no doubt have seen in the news information on the 'Everyone's Invited' movement that has over 15,000 testimonies on its website. We would like to reassure our students, parents and the wider community how seriously we take this issue. This includes the way we educate our students about their behaviour, how we create a safe, open and inclusive environment, and the systems that we have in place to manage child-on-child abuse.

Parents/carers are welcome to look at our safeguarding policy that is published on our school website. Please use the link below:

### Key Information

All of our staff are aware of the '**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020**' statutory guidance that sets out how schools and colleges should manage reports of child-on-child sexual violence and harassment. Part of the guidance also links through to a further Department for Education (DfE) advice document from May 2018: '**Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges**'.

As a school, we have shared these important documents with our staff to refresh their roles and responsibilities. All staff regularly undertake safeguarding training and this includes how staff are trained to manage such reports and how such reports are managed within our school community.

We teach our students about safeguarding, healthy and respectful relationships, respectful behaviour and consent, that sexual violence and sexual harassment is always wrong, and our school promotes an open, honest and respectful culture through our weekly SMSC work, our PSHE lessons, our extended tutor period times and in our assemblies.

We would like to make our school community aware of a dedicated NSPCC helpline 0800 136663. The new helpline will provide both children and adults who are potential victims of sexual abuse in schools with the appropriate support and advice. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals too.

Please contact me, if you have any further questions or concerns. My email address is [spearson@elatschools.co.uk](mailto:spearson@elatschools.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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