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Dear Parent/Carer

During September and October 2017 Year 8 and 9 pupils across Buckinghamshire will view a theatre in education production which will present them with the difficult issue of Child Sexual Exploitation. This performance is coming to your child's school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The play, 'Chelsea's Choice' is part of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's campaign to raise awareness with young people about the risks and signs of child sexual exploitation, equipping them with the knowledge to be able to stay safe.

Throughout the production your child will be shown the risks of sexual exploitation including grooming, the dangers of talking to strangers online and what is a healthy relationship. The play tells the story of a group of three students who discover the diary of a girl called Chelsea. Chelsea was a young girl who, having fallen out with her friends and family, was approached by a man called Gary. Unfortunately Gary was not what he seemed to be! Chelsea's story is played out and examined by the three students who, along with their teacher, attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea and how it could have been prevented.

At the end of the production the actors and local Buckinghamshire support service, Barnardo's R-U-Safe? will discuss the issues raised throughout the performance answering pupils' questions, telling them how to be safe and signposting them to the support and information available locally.

Please visit the RUWise2it website: <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/parents-carers/child-sexual-exploitation-r-u-wise-2-it/> for further information on Child Sexual Exploitation. We are also including a link to a promotional video about Chelsea's Choice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAo8Yly8rFk&safe=active>.

Chelsea's Choice toured Buckinghamshire at the end of the academic year 2014/15 and received positive responses from both teachers and pupils so we are pleased that, thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office, we have been able to offer this to schools again this year.

*"We know from the response of the student body how effective they were in raising awareness and changing mind sets, with several issues coming out of the aftermath straight away which we may otherwise have been unaware of."*

We hope the performance is an informative and memorable way of raising the issue of sexual exploitation with pupils.

Yours sincerely



Carol Douch  
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