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Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that as part of the statutory content about healthy relationships we will be looking at the impact of pornography. Recent research found that 51% of 11-13 year olds have seen pornography, with over 60% of the people who had seen it reporting that they viewed it accidentally.

This lesson is in line with the required content from the Department of Education as quoted below:

Students must know:

- The impact of viewing harmful content
- That specifically sexually explicit material, e.g.pornography, presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners.

This lesson will focus on definitions, myths and misconceptions about relationships which are spread through pornography and how to find help if students see something that upsets them.

No sexually explicit content will be included in these lessons.

If you have any further questions about this then please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Oldham
Head of PSHE