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Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday 12 June there will be a timetable change and your child will have a PSHE lesson during Period 5. The lesson will be taught in their normal Period 5 lesson and room unless they hear otherwise. The lesson will be on female genital mutilation (FGM).

The learning objectives are:

- What is FGM?
- Why does it happen?
- What to do if you feel you or someone you know may be or may become a victim of FGM.
- To understand that FGM is not practised or condoned by any religion in the world.
- To explain that under the UNITED NATIONS Human Rights Act (Convention on the Rights of the Child) it is illegal in any form.

I understand that the subject of this lesson may make parents uneasy; however, the PSHE specialist team has spent a long time developing resources for this lesson, we review it on an annual basis and have had parents, including medical professionals, offering guidance and remarking on how well we are approaching such a sensitive subject. Teaching Year 7 about FGM is now in the National curriculum's RSE statutory guidance. I am happy to share the resources with any parents who feel they would like to know what we teach before the lesson.

If it's possible for you to follow up with discussions at home this will help to embed the learning.

If you think of any areas we can improve upon then please let us know.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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