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Dear Parent/Guardian

### PSHE sessions this term

During PSHE sessions this term, Year 8 will be covering the dangers of grooming through social media. One session relates to the murder of Breck Bednar through grooming via online games and the other relates to the murder of Kayleigh Harwood through grooming via social media.

For the Breck Bednar case study we will show students a video which was featured as part of a BBC3 docudrama. He was a 14- year-old schoolboy from Surrey who was murdered after being groomed online in 2014 by Lewis Daynes. Over the course of nine months Lewis became gradually more manipulative towards Breck, eventually persuading Breck to travel alone to his flat in Essex where he murdered him.

Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQwkOSLApiQ>

For the Kayleigh Haywood case study, we will be watching a short film called Kayleigh's Love Story, which was created by Leicestershire Police (with the support of the parents) to warn other parents and children of the dangers of grooming on the internet. The true story charts the final fortnight of the 15-year-old from Leicestershire, who was killed by landscape gardener Stephen Beadman in November 2015. Police have been showing the five-minute film in schools across Leicestershire and Rutland since July 2016. Since a large number of our Year 8 students regularly use social media, or will do so in the future, we believe it is an important message for them to receive.

Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE>

We are aware some of the scenes are very difficult to watch and you should note the warning at the start of the Kayleigh's Love Story video, but we will be doing this within a supportive environment and if a student feels uncomfortable during the film they will be allowed to leave the room for the remainder of the presentation. There will then be a question and answer session with the class teacher afterwards, so students can discuss how they feel about what they have just watched.

If you have any concerns or questions about your son/daughter watching these videos then please let me know by contacting me directly: [s.cheeseman@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:s.cheeseman@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Yours sincerely

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