



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

There is lots going on in the media recently regarding sexual harm in schools and this is something that, as a school, we are keen to find out more about. Following the letter regarding 'Everyone's Invited' sent by Mr McGinnes, I would like to conduct a survey with parents, students and staff.

This survey is about keeping young people safe from harm such as sexual bullying, harassment and other types of sexual harm within school.

We know that young people can experience sexual bullying, sexual violence or harassment in their relationships and friendships with other young people. We also know that this can and does happen within schools. We understand that when this happens, many young people don't know who to report it to or how to get the help and support they need. Unfortunately, sometimes the right help and support is just not available.

The Buckingham School's involvement with these surveys does not mean that we have any particular issues relating to sexual harm; it simply reflects our openness to learning about the potential for such harm and enabling us to implement more effective ways of responding to this.

We want to find ways to make school feel safer for young people and to make sure there is good support available if they experience sexual violence, bullying or harm.

The surveys for students will be conducted during form time over the next couple of weeks. All surveys are anonymous, allowing the participants to be open and honest with their views.

We would also like to carry out a survey with parents to find out what your thoughts are on these issues. Again, these are anonymous and we will not be asking for anything personal, just your thoughts and opinions on how you find things at this school.

I would be very grateful if you could click on the link below and complete the survey by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We will collate the information from parents, students and staff and look at publishing our findings in the new term. We will then use this information to provide further education, support and training for all, on identifying sexual harm and how to respond to it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H9RT9QS>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this.

Yours faithfully

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*The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to [office@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:office@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*

