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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This Wednesday 19th July, as part of our PSHE and more specifically, our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, we will be teaching about the important topic of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Whilst being an optional part of the curriculum, all schools have been encouraged to raise awareness of FGM as a growing problem around the world, allowing young people to identify risk and help them to protect themselves. In addition, it will give pupils a brief insight prior to secondary school when it is covered in depth.

The lesson will discuss the **very basic** concepts of FGM, why it is performed and ensuring that the children feel empowered to speak out about such issues and also to ensure that the children understand their rights about themselves and their bodies.

The lessons have been planned in conjunction with The National FGM Centre - a leading expert organisation in harmful practices and The Eve Appeal - the UK's leading charity focused on gynaecology.

The lesson will be taught with extreme sensitivity and once it is taught, boys and girls will be separated for the opportunity to ask individual questions about the topic.

If you have any questions prior to Wednesday's lesson, please let me know or contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Paul O'Leary

Every day counts..... Every minute matters....