

To: All Parent/Carers

10 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Bystander Intervention Programme**

Taverham High School are committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which your child/ward can thrive and fulfil their potential. Similarly, we place a great deal of emphasis on our students' well-being and personal development. To further support this, we have enrolled in an exciting new initiative, the 'Bystander Intervention Programme'.

This programme is designed to teach our students to become 'Active Bystanders' who can safely intervene to help fellow students. This programme has been embedded into our Personal Development curriculum and lesson time has been allocated to teach our students about the problems associated with sexist language against all genders and the potential impact sexual harassment can have.

The 'Active Bystander Programme' teaches students about the benefits of intervention, what constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable (mentioned in the RSHE Guidance). It also develops community spirit and helps to improve the wellbeing of all our students. Once students have learnt how to become 'Active Bystanders' and developed the relevant skills necessary, they can choose whether they want to intervene to help their peers and use these skills to become active bystanders when facing other forms of prejudice.

If you have any individual concerns, please contact your child/ward's Personal Development teacher as your first point of call. If you have any questions about the programme please email Mr J Day, Assistant Headteacher ([jr.day@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:jr.day@taverhamhigh.org)). If you have any questions about the curriculum please email Miss S Adams, Head of Personal Development ([s.adams@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:s.adams@taverhamhigh.org)).

If you wish to discuss any of these matters at home with your child/ward, advice from the Children's Commission can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully,



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Head of Personal Development