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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Peer-on-Peer Abuse in Schools and Colleges

Following a recent national review carried out by OFSTED, you may have heard about worryingly high levels of sexual harassment and peer-on-peer abuse taking place in some schools and colleges in England. You can read the full report [here](#).

We take the safety of our students very seriously and have therefore begun reviewing our curriculum to ensure we are taking every opportunity to raise students' awareness, in order to help keep them safe from sexual bullying and other types of sexual harm.


To support with this, we hope to gain the views of as many parents and carers as possible. Please be assured, this does not mean Trafalgar school have any particular issues relating to sexual harm; it simply reflects our openness to learning about the potential for such harm to our young people and further developing our ways of responding to this when it occurs.

It would be really helpful if you could follow this link to share your views with us: [Parent Survey: Peer on Peer Abuse](#). This questionnaire should take no more than ten minutes to complete and all responses are completely confidential. For this purpose, we are describing sexual harm as anything sexual that makes a person feel upset or uncomfortable for example, gendered or sexist name calling, rumours, sharing of sexual images, sexual harassment or sexual assault.

In addition to this, we are running a focus group on Thursday 27th January from 5.30-6.30pm. If you would like to participate, please email lellis@trafalgarschool.org.uk or phone the school on 023 92693521 before 21st January 2022 to book your place.

Thank you for the time you are taking to support us with this important matter. If you feel your child(ren) would benefit from talking to someone more about this in school, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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