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Dear Parents/ Guardians

## Kayleigh's Love Story

You may be aware that following the tragic death of Measham schoolgirl Kayleigh Haywood, Leicestershire Police have made a film about the last few weeks of her life, to raise awareness amongst children of the dangers of online grooming and child sexual exploitation (CSE).

The film has been made in liaison with Kayleigh's family, who are keen that as many children as possible view it.

During the production process, a number of different agencies have been consulted by the police, including head teachers, CEOP – the national online protection agency, and staff from local agencies, who work on the frontline to protect children from abuse and exploitation.

The British Board of Film Classification has advised that the film would carry a 15 certificate if it was to be shown as an advert in the cinema. This is because your child would have no prior knowledge of the adverts they would see. As you and your child are aware of the screenings in advance, the film has been deemed suitable for children aged 11 and over.

We intend to show your child this film at school in the coming days/ weeks. We are running a dedicated classroom session alongside the film, to provide children with advice about online safety and CSE. Emma Holmes, our School Counsellor, will also be available during and after the sessions.

Please see the attached fact sheet for further information on this issue. You can also view the film via this link - <https://leics.police.uk/categories/kayleighs-love-story-film>.

Although it is not obligatory that your child sees the film and you have the right to withdraw your child from screenings, in our view, the film, while upsetting, is something that all children ought to see to ensure that they are sufficiently aware of online safety issues and CSE. However, if you do wish to withdraw your child from viewing the film, please let either of us know.

Yours faithfully

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