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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to invite you to our final Parent Forum of the year. The topic for discussion is Child Exploitation. With the summer holidays approaching we thought it timely that we invite in a professional to speak to parents about the risks and how to spot potential problems.

We are delighted to welcome Andri Nicolaou, Prevent Officer and Coordinator and part of the Topaz Child Exploitation Team (Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation). She will share advice and information on this important subject and explain the links between children going missing and child sexual exploitation.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is when a child is forced or manipulated into sexual activity in exchange for drugs, gifts, money or alcohol. It is a subject that is largely misunderstood and parents should be aware this can happen to any child from any community. There is a link between children that go missing, even just staying out all night, and cases of exploitation. Initially children at risk are groomed which can lead to a change in behavior, but these changes are hard to spot.

Due to the subject matter, the forum is for adults only. This will take place on Thursday 12th July from 6.30 – 7.30pm in the Green Lecture Theatre (GLT) and Ms Hynes and myself will be in attendance. So that we can have a rough idea of numbers if you do expect to attend please could you email dhynes@nailseaschool.com but parents that just turn up on the evening are of course also welcome.

If you have any concerns or questions in advance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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