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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: ChildLine Schools Service

I am pleased to be writing to tell you about the ChildLine Schools Service. This is a nationwide service for every child in the UK in Years 5 /6 (in England & Wales) and Primary 6/7 (in Scotland & Northern Ireland).

Their visit to our school will consist of a 30 minute assembly and, a week or so later, a 60 minute classroom based workshop. It has been specifically designed for primary school age children and all deliveries are provided in a sensitive and child-friendly way. The assembly and workshop(s) are given by ChildLine staff or trained ChildLine volunteers and pupils will be supported by school staff throughout.

The ChildLine Schools Service aims to encourage the children to identify with their right to be **happy and safe**. To encourage the understanding that **any problem** or worry that they may have is legitimate, and to share their worries – big or small – with their **trusted adult**; at home, at school, or with ChildLine.

The ChildLine Schools Service aims to give children:

- An understanding of different forms of abuse, including bullying, and an ability to recognise the signs of harm or abuse
- Knowledge of how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
- An awareness of how to get help and sources of help, including ChildLine.

The ChildLine Schools Service has shared with us the content of the assembly and workshop. We are confident that they are appropriate for our pupils, and reassured by the gentle approach taken.

Following each delivery The ChildLine Schools Service requests online feedback from school staff and pupils. Children will be asked to give their feedback, using a multiple-choice questionnaire, with school staff present. Parents/Carers are also invited to provide feedback following the visit by following this link:

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=132637150531>

Previous feedback is provided here to offer some insight into how the service has been received in other schools:

“I learnt that I should speak up! I shouldn't keep all my problems to myself – tell a trusted adult! And that if I need to I can talk to ChildLine about anything.” (Y6 pupil)

“It has been a pleasure to hear from the class teachers how much they valued the sessions and felt the quality and age appropriateness of the contents was just right. It is also very positive for our children to hear similar messages about talking to trusted adults from outside agencies. Thank you” (Family Liaison Officer)

“My daughter comes from a background that has not witnessed any form of abuse other than on the media, which is not always reliable, so for her to learn alongside her peers with a trusted organisation means she gets the real facts!” (Parent)

We are delighted to offer this valuable service to our pupils, from the safe, familiar and supportive environment of their primary school.

Please note the “Frequently Asked Questions” on the reverse of this letter.

If I DO NOT hear from you I will assume you are happy for your child(ren) to participate.

Yours sincerely

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