

Sexual Harassment, Safety and Consent

KS3

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Why is this important?

Research has shown that increasingly girls are reporting that they are at risk of, or suffering from peer on peer abuse, sexual harassment and assault

Here at TWGGS we want you to be fully prepared for life and assemblies like this, along with PSHE will help

Consent

The age at which you can legally have sex.

What are the rules? In England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales we have to be 16 or older to have homosexual (gay) or heterosexual (straight) sex.

'Sex' means penetrative sex, oral sex or masturbating together

Consent is agreement which is given willingly and freely without exploitation, threat or fear, and by a person who has the capacity to give their agreement

What about underage sex?

The law sees it as sexual assault - it's a criminal offence. This is because in the eyes of the law we are unable to give informed consent to sex when still a child.

A child under the age of 13 can never consent to any sexual activity

A boy who has sex with a girl under 16 is breaking the law. Even if she agrees.

If she is 13-15, the boy could go to prison for two years.

If she is under 13 he could be sentenced to life imprisonment.

A girl age 16 or over who has sex with a boy under 16 can be prosecuted for indecent assault

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature' that can occur online and offline and both inside and outside of school. Sexual harassment is likely to: violate a child's dignity, and/or make them feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated and/or create a hostile, offensive or sexualised environment. Sexual harassment can include:

- sexual comments, such as: telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance and calling someone sexualised names;
- sexual "jokes" or taunting;
- physical behaviour, such as: deliberately brushing against someone, interfering with someone's clothes and displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature;

Here at TWGGS we have a zero tolerance approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment and it is never acceptable, will not be tolerated and will not be passed off.

If you feel that you would like to talk to someone then there are plenty of people here who are trained and very happy to talk to you. You all have a form tutor, there is Mrs Rogers in Pastoral Support, Miss Fenn and Mr Walker, myself and we have a counsellor on site four days a week.

Emotional abuse is still abuse



Think before you click.....

With us becoming increasingly tied to our phones and tablets it is all too easy to forward on, to comment on and to upset others online

You legally have to be 16 to have WhatsApp and other messaging services, please be aware of the impact of removing people from groups, ghosting them and freezing them out

Your digital footprint will follow you forever and you would not want a future university, college or employer to read what you have posted online and make a negative judgement about you

Online Sexual Harassment

This may include:

- consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos **taking and sharing nude photographs of U18s is a criminal offence;**
- sharing of unwanted explicit content;
- upskirting (is a criminal offence);
- sexualised online bullying;
- unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media;
- sexual exploitation; coercion and threats

What is a healthy relationship?

- In healthy relationships, both parties respectfully seek each other's consent and know that their decision to give or not give consent will be respected. A person is never to blame if their decision not to give consent or to withdraw consent is not respected

We are working with KS3 this year to ensure that you are all aware of how to have healthy relationships; with your parents, with your peers and with your partners. If you feel at any time that your relationships are unhealthy please do talk to us, we are here to help you