

Dear Parent/ Carer,

26 April 2021

### Government review into sexual abuse in schools

You have undoubtedly heard about and been deeply troubled by reports of the sexual abuse and harassment young people have suffered at school and in the community that have come to light in recent weeks. At Rooks Heath School, we treat the safeguarding of every student with the highest priority. Sexual abuse in any form is abhorrent and not tolerated and it is vital that these allegations are dealt with properly.

The DfE are taking the following actions:

- A new NSPCC dedicated helpline will provide support and guidance to any victims of sexual abuse in schools. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish.
- Ofsted will undertake an immediate review of safeguarding policies in state and independent schools. The review will look at the extent and the severity of the issue and ensure schools have appropriate processes in place to allow pupils to report concerns freely, knowing these will be taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

Young people and adults can contact the NSPCC helpline on **0800 136 663**. You can read more about this here: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

You can find a copy of our Safeguarding Policy on our website here [Policies](#) and information about our [Safeguarding Team](#) if you click the link.

Yours sincerely,



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