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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The PSNI have organised an educational play on the topic of peer to peer relationships and have offered to have it performed in Glenlola Collegiate on 21 February. The play is called Blinded by Love and addresses the dangers of unhealthy relationships to include sexting, controlling and possessive behaviour which can lead to abuse, and the criminal implications of such behaviour. The play will give young people a visual resource which will characterise abuse in a dating relationship through the eyes of a young person and address crime prevention. Through open discussion sessions at the end of each performance with the cast remaining in character, we will create a visual interactive platform for young people to explore sexual violence and raise their awareness of the related risks and dangers.

Of pupils who have seen the play previously in other schools, 55% of those young people evaluated said that before seeing the play they knew a little about obsessive, controlling behaviour in a relationship. After seeing the play, 97% said it helped them understand the dangers and consequences controlling behaviour has in a relationship and 98% said that they play made them more aware of the importance of keeping safe, and not being forced to make decisions in a relationship that they are not comfortable with.

We feel that it could be beneficial for your child to see this play. However, it is optional, so if you do not want your daughter to attend the play, please return the reply slip below. Your daughter will spend the period when the play is on studying in a supervised area.

Yours sincerely

Richard Spence
Head of Middle School

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PSNI Blinded by Love Play

Please return to Form Teacher by Tuesday 20 February if you DO NOT wish your child to see this play.

PUPIL _____ **YEAR** _____

Signed _____ **Parent/Guardian**