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Dear Head Teacher

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and parental / carer awareness**

You may recall that I wrote to you this time last year with regard to this matter. I thought that it would be timely to write again with regard to the subject of Child Sexual Exploitation. As you are aware CSE has continued to be a high profile issue nationally and locally it also continues to be a priority area for the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board. Despite the amount of work that we have all done over the last couple of years it is vital that we continue to avoid complacency as every year we have new cohorts of children who we need to reach.

Engaging with parents and carers remains an important tenet of our strategy and we remain keen to help to raise their awareness of the signs of CSE and to guide them on what to do if they are concerned. We are continuing to direct parents and carers to an e-learning course developed by the national charity [Parents against Child Sexual Exploitation \(PACE\)](#) and the training can be accessed via <http://www.paceuk.info/the-problem/keep-them-safe/>.

The support of your school/academy is once again being sought to publicise this e-learning and I would ask you to please distribute the attached letter to all parents and carers, ideally electronically to individual parents or on your website. I would be grateful if you could confirm that this has been done by e-mailing [philip.walmsley@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:philip.walmsley@nottscc.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01623 433169.

Please be assured that parents do respond to this request as we monitor the take up but to date there is still room for increasing the take up substantially as it has been a small percentage of the potential number of parents. PACE have applauded our initiative in this matter and we thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Terri Johnson, Service Manager Safeguarding (email: [terri.johnson@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:terri.johnson@nottscc.gov.uk) / telephone 0115 9773921).

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and pupil awareness - Pintsized Theatre**

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention and encourage you to access the theatre production and workshop LuvU2 which will be touring shortly. We have reached 18,000 pupils over 2,000 professionals and parents/carers over the last two years which is an amazing achievement and the evaluation and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Whilst many secondary academies have booked for the forthcoming tour there are still some who are yet to book which means there are potentially thousands of pupils and staff who we won't reach with this innovative and

interactional approach to learning. Each school has been offered one free performance (approx. 120 pupils). I would encourage you to book this via Ian Court at 0115 8419853 or [admin@pintsizetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@pintsizetheatre.co.uk) [www.pintsizetheatre.co.uk](http://www.pintsizetheatre.co.uk) If you do have any anxieties or questions about taking up this offer please also contact Terri Johnson on the details above. She could also facilitate a conversation with a police colleague if that would be helpful.

## **Ucreate**

Similarly information has been distributed to schools about the collaboration with Ucreate and NSCB partners to raise awareness of the dangers of sharing indecent images and online safety.

The project will target all primary schools (years 5 and 6) and secondary schools (year 7 and 8) including special schools. There will be a 'competition' between schools to create an empowering 60-second radio commercial. Access will be provided to a 'ucreate' learning platform that will provide schools with the resources needed for pupils to create their commercials. The project launches on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 until November 2016. This will give schools 10 weeks to create and record a radio commercial raising an awareness around child sexual abuse, dangers of sharing images and online safety.

This is a free and exciting opportunity for your school – further details will be provided at the start of the autumn term. You can register your school online at: [www.u-create.net/register-4-ucreate/](http://www.u-create.net/register-4-ucreate/) or contact Rachel at the ucreate team to register your school tel: 01925 251876 email: [Rachel.white@wirelessgroupplc.co.uk](mailto:Rachel.white@wirelessgroupplc.co.uk)

Thank you for your support in these important matters.

Yours faithfully



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