



**Headlands School**  
**Student Council W / C 21.6.2021**

**Context**

Ofsted's recently produced a report called "Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools." The Leadership Team at Headlands School wanted to explore with students what their understanding was of some of the key themes of the report. Student responses follow.

**Question 1: What is your understanding of the term "sexual harassment?"**

Year 7

- Basically rape - force someone to have sex
- Someone touches you without permission
- Name calling about sexual behaviour
- Cat calling. Making comments about how someone looks
- Harassing someone

Year 8

- Someone doing sexual behaviour towards someone who doesn't want it
- Calling someone certain names
- Asking for sexual photographs
- Sexual harassment by an adult
- Being touched when not invited to

Year 9

- Sexual act towards someone who doesn't consent
- Cat calling
- Touching someone who doesn't to be touched
- Up skirting, removing clothing of someone else
- Sexualised name calling

Year 10

- Sending pictures
- Inappropriate touching
- Name calling
- Grooming
- Leering
- Cat calling
- Jokes around sexual behaviour

**Question 2: In a school setting, who do you think are potential sexual harassers?**

Year 7

- It could be anyone. There is no specific type of person.
- Students
- Teachers
- Older students making jokes
- Visitors
- Other members of staff that might not be teachers

#### Year 8

- Anyone - students, teachers, visitors, all staff

#### Year 9

- Students
- Teachers
- Anyone in the school building e.g. visitors

#### Year 10

- Anyone
- Students
- Adults that work in the school

### **Question 3. Does sexual harassment always have to be “in-person?”**

#### Year 7

- No
- Cyber - online
- Videos, pictures, social media
- Comments on social media and private messages
- It is as serious as doing in person. Might not know who it is

#### Year 8

- No
- Text and emails
- Social media - might not know who it is
- Students know to block and report to police and also on the social media platform.
- Students know to talk to any teacher about it.

#### Year 9

- No
- Social media
- Internet
- Online - might not know who it is.

#### Year 10

- No
- Online
- Social media
- Sending nude pictures is a crime - child pornography

**Question 4: Ofsted's review evidenced that in the schools they visited students had normalized being asked by their peers to send nude pictures of themselves to them? Is this something that happens at Headlands School?**

Year 7

- No
- Headlands is a safe place. We don't normalise it. Someone would talk about it and staff would do something about it.
- There are some comments/jokes sometimes but staff would do something about it. Some students think it is banter and ok as no one gets offended but know that staff would do something about it if staff hear it.
- More difficult online but they know how to report it and would report it on school as well.
- In some rooms (23, 24, 73, 68, 59) there are drawings of male genitalia?
- Some textbooks and dictionaries in English also have drawings of male genitalia.

Year 8

- Certainly not normal behaviour.
- One student heard that another student in the school has asked for nudes but this has been reported and dealt with.

Year 9

- No
- Would be very unusual and unexpected
- Not heard of it happening at Headlands

Year 10

- Students have heard of some occasions of it happening. They have all been reported and dealt with.
- Usually happens when students are going out with each other and then break up.
- Not expected or normal but does happen sometimes.
- Students know how to get support for it and how to report it as well as how serious it is.

**Question 5: Ofsted's report also highlighted concerns about students "touching" other students (uninvited) in corridors and again, students had "normalized" this behaviour. Is this something that happens at Headlands School?**

Year 7

- Pushing and shoving from the older students
- No hands or sexualised touching
- Do not know anyone who has had it happen to them at Headlands. Know that this should be reported to teachers if it does happen.

Year 8

- Bit of pushing and shoving when corridors are crowded but nothing sexual. Any touching in this way is not normal and they would report it to a teacher.

Year 9

- No - doesn't happen. Never seen it happen so definitely is not normalised.

- Students get enough education at school and home about what is acceptable so they all know not to do it.
- Ms Renard's assembly added to their knowledge, particularly at the lower level.
- Everything is dealt with seriously and quickly.

### Year 10

- No not at all. Some pushing and shoving in crowded areas but no groping.
- Doesn't happen here because we are well informed and it isn't acceptable.

### **Question 6. What should you do if you believe you are being sexually harassed?**

### Year 7

Report to:

- Any member of staff or the police. Including online.
- Pictures are on the walls on who to go to.
- Headlands is a safe place.
- Ms Renard's assembly really helped. They knew some bits before but this reinforced it and keeps it prominent.

### Year 8

- Tell someone you trust - teacher or someone at home. Pass on to friends so they can tell a member of staff.
- Contact the police
- Mrs Westcott is the safeguarding lead. Ever member of staff can support.
- Headlands is a safe place to be and staff are looking out for student's welfare as a priority.

### Year 9

Report to:

- Any teacher
- Year Leader
- Police
- Miss Westcott is in charge of safeguarding

### Year 10

- Go to a responsible adult.
- Tell a teacher and it will be dealt with positivity.
- Miss Westcott is the safeguarding lead but anyone can be told and support.
- Headlands is a safe place.