Dear Parents/Carers,

Bystander Intervention Programme

We (name of school/college) are committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which your child can thrive and fulfil their potential. Similarly, we place a great deal of emphasis on our students’ well-being and personal development. To further support this, we have enrolled in an exciting new initiative, the Bystander Intervention Programme.

This programme is designed to teach our students to become Active Bystanders who can safely intervene to help fellow students. This programme has been embedded into our RSHE (change depending on what your setting calls the subject) curriculum and lesson time has been allocated to teach our students about the problems associated with sexist language and the potential impact sexual harassment can have. The Active Bystander programme teaches students about the benefits of intervention, it also develops community spirit and helps to improve the wellbeing of all our students. Once students have learnt how to become Active Bystanders and be given the relevant skills necessary, they can choose whether they want to intervene to help their peers.

If you have any questions about the programme please email

Yours sincerely,

NB. The link below gives advice to parents about talking to their children about online sexual harassment

[cco\_talking\_to\_your\_child\_about\_online\_sexual\_harassment\_a-guide\_for\_parents\_dec\_2021.pdf (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/cco_talking_to_your_child_about_online_sexual_harassment_a-guide_for_parents_dec_2021.pdf)