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MANSHEAD SCHOOL

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TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are in discussion with Brook about offering a drop in clinic at Manshead. Brook is the leading provider of sexual health services and advice for young people under 25. They have been commissioned by NHS Bedfordshire to provide services across Bedfordshire and this includes several school based clinics. Brook currently has clinics in Bedford and across the county as well as one other schools in Bedfordshire currently, with several others starting this academic year.

The aim of the school based clinic is to provide students with an opportunity to talk to a trained contraception and sexual health nurse, if they choose to, in a private and confidential setting. The service would be advertised in the school and students would choose to use the service if they wished. There are several key aims of the facility which include:

- 1) encouraging young people to delay having sex at an early age
- 2) giving students the skills to avoid pressure to have sex before they are ready
- 3) providing a service for those young people who are sexually active which enables them to look after their sexual health and prevent unwanted pregnancies
- 4) an opportunity to talk, in a private setting, and ask questions related to relationships and sexual health etc

As part of the Fraser Guidelines, students will be encouraged to talk to their parents/carers, if at all possible, and we hope that having this service in the school will help to facilitate discussions about sex and relationships between parents and their children.

We would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to come in and meet with me and a representative from Brook to discuss any concerns or issues they may have and to find out about the provision we are planning. If you would like to come along the meeting will be in the Hall on Tuesday 6th July at 6 pm. If you cannot make this date please feel free to email me parkerj@mansheadschoo.co.uk or ring me 01582 679415 and I will endeavour to get back to you.

Yours sincerely

Jim Parker
Headteacher

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