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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Schindler's List

Your child will shortly be studying a unit of work on Human Rights and Social Justice in Religious Studies and will be involved in detailed project work which considers the experiences of the Jewish people in the 20th Century.

As a part of the course, we will show Steven Spielberg's film 'Schindler's List'. Although this is a special edition for use in schools it carries a '15' certificate and we feel it is appropriate to inform you in advance of screening these in RS lessons. We will then be teaching content on Human Rights and Social Justice with reference to the events portrayed in this movie.

I also hope that it will provide an opportunity to discuss the topic with your child at home and the importance of remembering the tragic events of the Holocaust in relation to upholding the British values of mutual respect and tolerance for all people.

Due to current world events, we are also separately working with the PSHE department who are bringing in an external organisation called 'Solutions not Sides' to help students gain a broader view of both Israeli and Palestinian voices surrounding the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. More will be communicated about this in the future.

If you have any concerns, I would be grateful if you could email me within the next two weeks, and if these are concerns are not addressable, I will ensure alternative arrangements are made for your child for the lessons which are showing the movie.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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