

RR/Rns/Stonewall

20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have for a number of years worked successfully with the LGBTQ charity Stonewall to promote their principle of 'acceptance without exception'. We were very pleased earlier this year to have been recognized as a Stonewall 'Champion School'.

As part of our work with Stonewall we will, over the next few weeks, be promoting their 'No Bystanders' campaign. This will include a pledge from every member of our school community, students and professionals alike, never to be a bystander to any form of bullying.

To launch this campaign there will be assemblies in the week beginning Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. These assemblies include a video in which the dialogue is entirely made up of prejudicial language that is likely to offend. None of the behaviours illustrated are acceptable within our school community and, as such, the video is a really effective tool to challenge us all as to the power found within our choice of words. You can view the video [here](#).

The aim of our partnership work with Stonewall is to ensure that we continue to protect the entitlement of all our students to be free from any form of bullying behaviour while empowering our students to stand up to any who are choosing to present those behaviours. In doing so we will ensure that Boston Spa Academy remains a safe and harmonious environment where all continue to thrive.

Our partnership with Stonewall is a part of our work on spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and also our promotion of modern British values. Miss Brierley leads on these

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areas and if you have any general questions arising from watching the video, please do not hesitate to contact her via Reception; she will be pleased to respond. If you have a question of a more pastoral nature arising from how you feel your daughter or son might respond to our partnership with Stonewall, then Mrs Spink, our Safeguarding Officer, would be pleased to take your call. She too can be contacted via Reception.

Thank you in advance for your support in this initiative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Ryder', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Ryder  
Assistant Principal