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Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Anti-Bullying Week 2019

The National Anti-Bullying week runs from 11th- 15th November 2019 and as a school we run activities every year to raise awareness within our community about the impact that actions of bullying can have on others in our efforts to reduce bullying, of all types, in our school and wider community.

This year we have made the decision to show the BBC's Jesy Nelson documentary 'Odd One Out' to our Year 7 – 10 pupils. Years 7 and 8 pupils will watch this at the start of the day on Tuesday 19th November and Years 9 and 10 on Wednesday 20th November.

Jesy Nelson rose to fame with pop band Little Mix. She suffered abuse online and in the 57 minute documentary opens up about the affect cyberbullying had on her life. In the documentary Jesy exclusively reveals the impact online trolls had on her mental health as she goes on a journey of rehabilitation. To help her heal, Jesy meets other victims of cyber abuse, sharing devastating stories of online trolling including an intimate interview with the parents of local girl, Sian Waterhouse who took her own life at the age of 16 in 2018.

The documentary is still available on the BBC iplayer should families wish to watch it together or if parents have reservations about pupils watching it in school. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07lsr4d/jesy-nelson-odd-one-out

If you do not wish for your son or daughter to watch the documentary please contact the school office to notify us. Pupils must attend the day as normal and will work in the library during this lesson.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Crossman House Leader

