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Dear Parent/Carer

Due to the success of last year's sessions, Years 5 and 6 will be receiving another visit from **Diversity Role Models**. This will take place on Friday 17th February 2017.

Diversity Role Models is a charity working to eliminate homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools across the UK. It was launched by the Rt Hon. Teresa May in the House of Commons in November 2011 and provides high-quality, interactive workshops involving role models and activities that allow children to explore their views in a safe and respectful environment. The purpose of the workshops is to dispel negative attitudes and stereotypes with the view to fostering acceptance and respect for diversity.

The workshops feature LGBT role models who have their own children and speak to the pupils about their experiences and the impact that homophobia and transphobia may have had on their families. Through hearing these stories first hand and asking questions, the aim is to help them develop empathy as well as empower them to bring about change themselves.

Through playing games, doing small group work at tables and whole class discussion, the students:

- find similarities and differences in their appearance, hobbies and families
- make guesses about the role model and do a mock interview
- ask the role model questions about their story and their family
- talk about bullying and children with same sex parents who might feel different at school
- learn how to use language appropriately (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender)

It is important to emphasise that the DRM workshops are designed to address discrimination and bullying as well as promote acceptance and equality for all. Schools are required by law to ensure a safe environment for all pupils and as such it is imperative that this work is included in the curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding the above we would like to invite you to an informal question and answer session on Tuesday 14th of February at 3:45. If you wish to attend please complete the slip below.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper
PSHCE lead

DIVERSITY ROLE MODELS Q & A SESSION

I _____ wish to attend the Q& A session for Diversity Role Models on Tuesday 14th February at 3:45.

Signed _____

Date: _____