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RICHMOND SCHOOL

& Sixth Form College

Dear Parents/Guardians

In line with the drive to reduce teenage pregnancy and improve sexual health, the Governors recently considered and approved a proposal from the School Health Service to expand the services available to the students. The existing service has been run successfully by the School Nurse for many years and students have benefited from her confidential advice and support across a range of health issues.

The School Nurse is now additionally able to offer the possibility of administering emergency contraception, distributing condoms to students who would otherwise be at risk of unintended pregnancy and will also be able to offer pregnancy tests and screening for Chlamydia, the most common sexually transmitted infection. Nursing practice in this area is defined by the nurses NMC Code of Conduct and Scope of Practice, and is supported by legal guidelines regarding the provision of contraceptive services. Young people attending the "Drop in" are encouraged to discuss their attendance with parents or carers and full assessment of each individual attendee will be made. However, the Nursing Team will respect requests for confidentiality in most circumstances. Students attending the service are made aware that the nurse will consider breaching confidentiality if there are safeguarding issues or if the young person is deemed to be at significant risk.

This scheme has been running very successfully for a number of years in other secondary schools in North Yorkshire

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the scheme we will be offering a brief information session on Monday 11 November 2013 at 6.00pm in the Library at Richmond School.

Yours sincerely

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