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Thursday, May 10th

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our statutory safeguarding duty, we have commissioned a Professional Theatre group to come and perform for Year 6 in the afternoon of **Tuesday, May 22nd**. They will perform a play called 'Mr Shapeshifter' and there will be several lessons taken by the Year 6 teachers – both before and after the play – that cover some of the details and issues in the play in greater depth.

Mister Shapeshifter is a contemporary fairy tale for 11-12 year olds about the ways some adults abuse the trust children put in them and how children can protect themselves. The purpose of Mister Shapeshifter is to entertain, inform, and safeguard children against risk and danger in real life situations and online.

Below is an explanation of the story:

Mister Shapeshifter is a super villain. He can change his appearance at will. He has one aim in life: to lure children into his 'Super Story World Studio Workshop' and steal the childhood out of them so he can live forever. When he lures eleven-year-old Jess there, only Jack can save her. But Jack is one of Mister Shapeshifter's previous victims, and as a result is bullied and lonely and angry. To save Jess, Jack has first to save himself and then bring The Shapeshifter to justice, with the help of Jess, the audience, his teacher and the police.

Further details and testimonials from other schools is are available on the website below:

<http://www.gwththeatre.co.uk/shows/mr-shape-shifter/>

The issues the play describes are sensitive and need to be handled sensitively but we also believe it is essential teaching to help our pupils prepare themselves for the wider world and High School. The key aims of the play, and lessons that surround it, are to help our pupils develop awareness of recognising risk and use critical thinking skills effectively to deal with any dangers they may come across as they become more independent.

We are more than happy to share our lesson plans with you so you know, in detail, what we are going to discuss and how it will be taught. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance before **Friday, May 18th** as the children will be working on a lesson at the beginning of the next week before watching the play on Tuesday.

Kind Regards,

Miss Law and the Year Six Staff

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