



March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## SMSC LGBTQ+ Learning for Life Sessions: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

I am writing to you concerning a film that we would like to show year 10 students as part of their learning for life sessions as we explore issues on surrounding gender and identity.

The film we would like to show is a hard-hitting film called 'Just Charlie'. The synopsis reads: 'Young soccer star Charlie has the world at his feet. With a top club desperate to sign him, his future is seemingly mapped out. But the teenager sees only a nightmare. Trapped in the body of a boy, Charlie is torn between wanting to live up to her father's expectations and shedding this ill-fitting skin.' Because of the film's highly effective and powerful exploration of the experience of a transgender teenager and the use of strong language, it has been certified a 15.

It is important for students to understand this subject area and it is part of our school's commitment to alert all young people of the need to challenge homophobic and transphobic bullying and celebrate diversity.

Further details about the film can be found here: <https://www.filminquiry.com/just-charlie-2017-review/>

If you do not wish for your son/daughter to view this film, please inform the year 10 office or myself via email [avance@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:avance@sackvilleschool.org.uk) no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in order that alternative arrangements can be made for students for these sessions.

Yours sincerely

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