

10 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC Visit

We are pleased to inform you that St Michael's Catholic Academy will be visited by the NSPCC on Thursday 13 February 2025 for a special play and workshop aimed at Year 8 students.

Take Notice, a campaign supported by the Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees Partnership, Corner House Youth project, Barnardo's, the Police and the NSPCC, is facilitating the regional tour of an immersive theatre in education play, "It's Not OK".

The play which was commissioned by the NSPCC and created by York St John University (YSJ), which helps children and young people recognise concerning behaviour and identify characteristics of abusive and exploitative relationships.

The play is followed by a workshop co-facilitated by NSPCC and trained external partners. The play and workshop explore the worlds of four characters, looking at the choices they make and consequences of them. The piece is designed to be fully participatory, allowing young people to input into decisions that the characters make and then explore the impact of these.

The project aims to educate and empower, enhancing critical life skills like empathy, critical thinking, and problem-solving for future challenges. The tour has already visited several schools across the north of England and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from both school staff and students.

We look forward to welcoming the NSPCC and the "It's Not OK" team.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Carey
Deputy Headteacher