

SIBFORD SCHOOL - STATEMENT REGARDING 'EVERYONE'S INVITED'

Following recent shocking events and renewed focus on women's safety and a so called 'rape culture', 'Everyone's Invited', a web-based platform has been born. This contains some historical and some more recent testimonials from people about their experiences within a variety of educational establishments. Although many entries are anonymised, they are all abhorrent.

At Sibford School, we uphold the fundamental Quaker values of truth, diversity and equality and we pledge our support to any young person who has ever undergone such an experience. We support and encourage their bravery in speaking out. We stand beside them and we stand against the culture that they denounce.

As a co-educational Quaker school, we are committed to educating young people about consent, healthy relationships, and the importance of challenging 'bystander' culture. We pledge to work continually to achieve greater understanding and respect between our young people and we will continue to develop our PSHE programmes with the flexibility required in this modern world with its emergent issues.

In our Quaker school we are in a unique and privileged position to have the values of tolerance and respect underpinning all that we do. By definition, we expect to treat others with kindness and respect and our whole school culture exists to nurture these qualities, ensuring that this message is understood, modelled in school, and continued beyond education within the lives of our young people.

If any member of our pupil body either past or present is affected by events, we urge them to contact a member of staff at school or the appropriate authorities directly.

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