



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you in order to keep you informed of a particular drive which we intend to pursue at St Robert's over the coming weeks and months, in the hope that you will be able to support us at home too.

Unfortunately, all schools in the country are having to address a growing national trend amongst young people in the use of derogatory language around certain protected characteristics, especially those of sex, gender and race or religion. We are very committed to ensuring that students at St Robert's learn and understand that racist, sexist, homophobic or transphobic language has no place in school or society.

We already commit to a great deal of education around these issues through our PSHE, RSE and pastoral work. We are also very clear that if we discover students using such language, it will be dealt with decisively. However, we wish to strengthen our work in this field even further to make sure that such attitudes remain alien to St Robert's.

We would ask you to help us by engaging with your own son or daughter at home on these topics and reinforcing the same message. We will share with parents some of the resources we use along the way. We also very much ask you to remind your son or daughter that if they are aware of such behaviour, they should without hesitation report it to staff so that we can deal with the issue promptly. They can always inform us confidentially, and we will be reminding them next week of how to do so.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

**Mr D Juric**  
**Head Teacher**

