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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are pleased to inform you that Colton Hills Community School is working towards achieving the Rainbow Flag Award, a national initiative that promotes LGBTQ+ inclusion and celebrates diversity within schools. This award reflects our commitment to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

At Colton Hills, we believe that every child should feel safe, valued, and respected. Our participation in the Rainbow Flag Award programme involves developing policies, curriculum, and pastoral support that foster an inclusive culture where everyone can thrive. This aligns with our school values of respect and diversity.

We also want to ensure that students have access to the right support, both within school and from external organisations. Internally, our trained pastoral team and staff members are available to provide guidance, reassurance, and a listening ear for any LGBTQ+ students who may need support. Our school also runs LGBTQ+ student union, providing a safe space for students to share their experiences and build a sense of community.

Additionally, we work closely with external services in Wolverhampton that specialise in supporting LGBTQ+ young people and their families. Some of these include:

- **Base 25:** A local youth service offering advice and support for young people, including LGBTQ+ support groups.
- **X2Y LGBT Youth Group:** A dedicated organisation providing safe spaces, mentoring, and guidance for LGBTQ+ young people.
- **Kooth:** An online mental health and wellbeing support service for young people.
- **The Wolverhampton LGBT+ Alliance:** A network of services that support and advocate for LGBTQ+ individuals in the local community.

We encourage open conversations at home about diversity and inclusion and welcome any questions or discussions you may wish to have regarding this initiative. If you would like more information about the Rainbow Flag Award or the support available for LGBTQ+ students, please feel free to contact your year team, the safeguarding team or Ms Buckle.

Thank you for your continued support in making Colton Hills a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Fox  
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral