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Dear parent/carer,

As part of our study of Gothic literature, scholars in the Class of 2029 will be reading extracts from a range of Gothic texts. One text which we will be discussing is Angela Carter's *The Bloody Chamber*.

This collection of short stories contains many adult themes and although we will not be reading the full text, we will be reading a short summary of the story with scholars which includes the following sentence: "She moves to the Marquis' castle, where he treats her roughly and she finds a collection of sadistic pornography."

We will not be reading this section of the story, but it is included in the summary to support scholars' understanding that Gothic literature discusses the things which a society is worried about. This moment in the story is used to show us that the Marquis is a dangerous and scary character.

Scholars will learn about pornography and the laws surrounding it in their PSHE lessons next academic year.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me at Marie.Coffield@Astreawoodfields.org.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marie Coffield'.

Marie Coffield
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