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Dear Headteacher,

Take-away Theatre Company are pleased to announce their forthcoming tour of 'Hope'. This theatre performance followed by a participatory workshop has been devised in collaboration with educational consultants and is suitable for pupils at Key Stage 2, ideally Years 5 & 6.

The project uses the issue of Bullying to explore Emotional and Social Health issues of Relationships, Decision-making and Friendship by promoting good behaviour and respect for others. It underlines the message contained in *Safe to Learn: Embedding Anti-Bullying Work in Schools*, DCSF Sep 2007 where it is recognised that,

'Providing a safe and happy leaning environment is integral to achieving the wider objectives of school improvement: raising attainment; improving school attendance; promoting equality and diversity; and ensuring the well-being of all members of the school community'

'Hope'

The play tells the story of Hope who is a beautiful and successful pop star returning to the town where she grew up for the first time in years. A chance encounter between her and an old school acquaintance brings back painful memories of her childhood and the systematic abuse and bullying she suffered at the hands of a classmate. It is a story of courage, self-empowerment and redemption.

The play, expertly delivered by professional actors, is informative, thought-provoking and entertaining and can be followed by up to 2 workshops (of approximately 50 pupils each). It is available from February 2008 until May 2008 at a cost of **£285**. The enclosed leaflet provides more information about the play and workshop and how it relates to the 5 outcomes as outlined in **Every Child Matters**.

We would be delighted to visit your school with this year's tour. Bookings and enquiries can be made by phone, or using the enclosed reply form. You can also contact us via our website (see www.takeawaytheatre.co.uk)

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

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'HOPE' Touring Schools 2008 What is it?

Hope is a new play that has been specially commissioned by The Take-Away Theatre Company. Both powerful and entertaining the piece uses drama and music to tell the story of two girls whose lives are affected by bullying. It is aimed at Key Stage 2.

Objectives

The project explores **Emotional and Social Health** issues of **Relationships, Decision-making and Friendship** by promoting good behaviour and respect for others. It can be used as a stimulus for engaging pupils in the process of developing an anti-bullying policy and encourage preventative strategic action.

Every Child Matters – The 5 Outcomes

'Hope' will enhance these outcomes in particular:

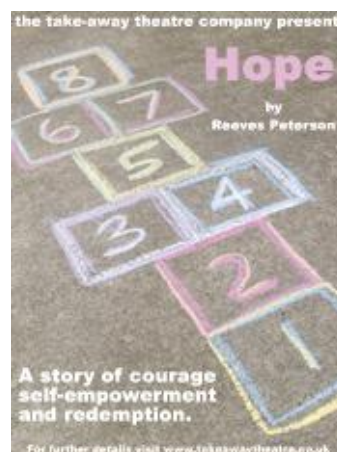
- **Be Healthy**
Mentally and emotionally healthy
- **Stay safe**
Safe from bullying and discrimination
Safe from crime and anti-social behaviour
- **Enjoy and achieve**
Attend and enjoy school
- **Make a positive contribution**
Engage in decision-making
Engage in law-abiding and positive behaviour
Develop positive relationships and choose not to bully or discriminate
Develop self-confidence and successfully deal with significant changes and challenges

The workshop

After the performance the actors will lead a workshop with the children exploring the various issues that have arisen from the play. Pupils will be encouraged to examine the actions of the characters and how they could have made better choices. The workshop will consist of various forum theatre activities helping the children to identify different forms of bullying and how to combat it.

How it works

The play is delivered by professional actors and lasts for approximately 45 minutes. This is followed by up to 2 participatory workshops (maximum 60 pupils in each) lasting 30 minutes. *Larger schools may wish to book more than one performance.*





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booking form

How to book

by phone 07975 796421

Call us to arrange a mutually convenient time for your performance and workshop(s). You can also use this number to make general enquiries or discuss specific arrangements.

by post

Alternatively you can complete the booking form below and return it to the above address. We will then contact you to confirm your booking and send your teachers' information pack.

Please enter your choices for a suitable performance date.

1st

2nd

3rd

by email

You can also send us an email containing the above information to admin@takeawaytheatre.co.uk

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Hope

**by
Reeves Peterson**

**A story of courage
self-empowerment
and redemption.**

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