



Ok, who can think of some negative consequences of gender stereotypes?

People aren't free to be themselves and live how they want.

Boys think they need to act tough all the time.

Comprehensive sexuality education provides a safe space where young people can develop knowledge and skills that will support them to navigate relationships and sexuality in the months and years ahead.



Women feel like we have to be polite and accommodating, even when we're not comfortable.

Yeah but if you go round whining about your feelings and crying like a girl, who's going to respect you?

Like a girl? Is he serious?

You sound like such a dinosaur!

Empowering young people to explore and challenge harmful social norms around gender is vital to tackling root causes of gender-based violence and building more equal societies.



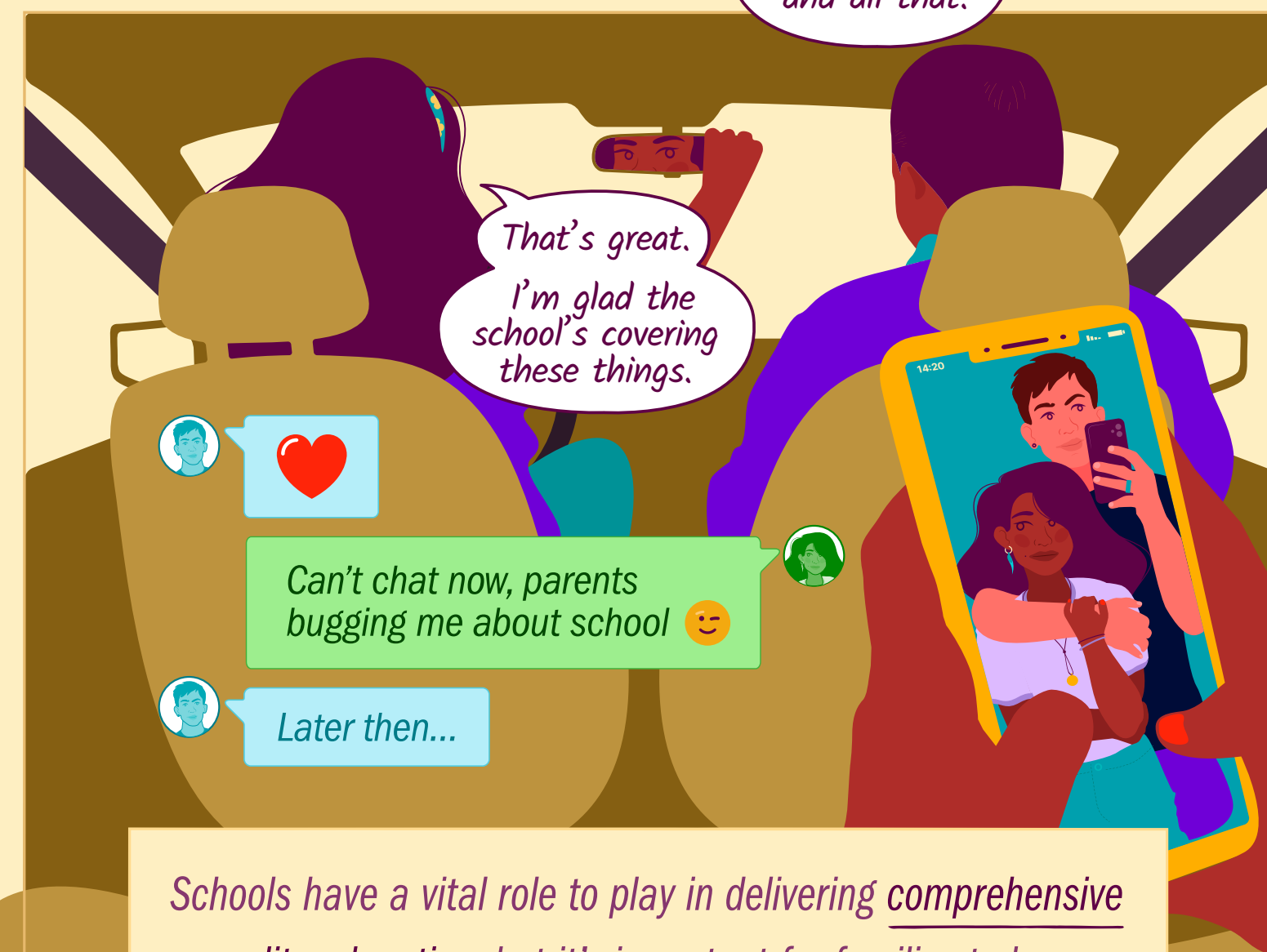
*By building cultures of consent, we can help prevent sexual and gender-based violence and equip all young people to build healthy, positive relationships. When teachers are properly trained, they can lead these crucial conversations.*



If they are to empower and protect all young people, comprehensive sexuality education sessions must be inclusive of the experience and needs of students with diverse sexualities and gender identities.

By transforming young people's views on gender, power and relationships, comprehensive sexuality education equips young people to recognise violence, help to prevent and report it, and seek support.





Schools have a vital role to play in delivering comprehensive sexuality education, but it's important for families to be engaged as well.



Young people who learn about consent in school are better equipped to navigate relationships in online spaces safely.

A few moments later...



Next day...



Bullying over gender identity or sexuality is a specific form of gender-based violence that contributes to making schools particularly hostile spaces for young LGBTIQ people.



Often, young people lack concrete information on where to access confidential and quality support and services. Comprehensive sexuality education can make that link, and is most protective when it is clearly linked to services.



We owe all young people the skills and knowledge they need to build safe, healthy and happy relationships in our complex world!

By expanding access to comprehensive sexuality education, we can also contribute to building the cultures of consent that we all need – alongside robust legal measures – to combat gender-based violence and make our societies more gender equal.