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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Social media and Internet Safety

As you know, the internet offers vast opportunities for learning, communication, and entertainment, however, it also presents numerous risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, predators, and cyber bullying.

Today we have been supporting a group of our young people who have been part of a Snapchat group and have witnessed an inappropriate picture on this group. We regularly educate our young people on internet safety and responsible digital citizenship, including the use of social media and the age restrictions attached to this social media, but we also rely on your partnership as parents to reinforce these lessons at home.

As parents we have a responsibility to help our children to navigate through the digital landscape and with this in mind, I urge you to continue to support them by monitoring their internet usage, particularly on their mobile devices.

Whilst I recognise the importance of granting children privacy and independence, it is equally important to strike a balance by establishing clear boundaries and guidelines for their online activities. Regularly checking their phones allows you to stay informed about the content they are accessing, the people they are communicating with and any red flags that may arise.

Actively encouraging them to come to you with any concerns and questions obviously provides you with the opportunity to provide advice and guidance on how to protect themselves online. Remind them to think about the content that they encounter and to always consider the consequences of their actions online.

We will continue to promote a safe and supportive learning environment both in the classroom and online. We regularly educate our students about internet safety and will continue this practice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mr P McKendrick

Headteacher

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