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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are aware of an e-safety issue in Year 6 currently and I am writing to all parents and carers to remind families of the importance of staying safe on line.

Various platforms; Tiktok, Snap Chat, Instagram are designed to be used for young people over 13 and WhatsApp is over 16. Any user under the age of 18 needs consent from their parent and guardian. Be aware that some of the content is not at all suitable for primary aged children and your vigilance is required.

Please see below a list of useful and very informative websites to help you understand how to keep your child safe and informed in the ever changing landscape that is the online world:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/> - very useful for guides on how to use safety features on all aspects of online life. Also has a useful guide for parents on the video games children should NOT be playing.

Also includes an online magazine free to download.

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/> - a very up to date resource outlining the latest trends in online safety concerns for young people and parents.

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/services-children/safeguarding/e-safety/e-safety-toolkit-parents> - an online safety toolkit for parents.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/> - when and how to make a report to the National Crime Agency’s CEOP branch (Child Exploitation and Online Protection).

<http://www.esafetykit.net/index2.html> - great fun for all the family. Really good resource for sitting down with your child and learning about online safety together.

Thank you for your support to help keep your children safe on line.

Kind Regards



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