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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are writing to remind all families of the importance of online safety.

As children become more confident using phones, messaging apps and social media platforms, it is essential that they are supported in making safe and sensible choices online. We would like to ask all parents and carers to take time to regularly check your child's use of devices and ensure appropriate safeguards are in place.

In particular, please consider the following:

- **Know who your child is communicating with** - regularly review contacts and conversations on messaging apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, and others.
- **Check privacy and safety settings** - ensure accounts are set to private and that children cannot receive messages from unknown contacts.
- **Discuss online behaviour** - remind children never to engage with or respond to messages from people they do not know, and to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- **Supervise app use where possible** - especially for group chats, where children may be added to conversations without their knowledge of all participants.
- **Encourage open communication** - make sure your child feels comfortable coming to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

At school, we are continuing to reinforce online safety through our curriculum and assemblies. However, your support at home is vital in helping to keep all children safe.

If you have any concerns or would like further advice on setting up parental controls, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Yours sincerely,

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