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Dear Parents / Carers,

Online Safety Awareness

We are writing to you regarding online safety and would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to be aware of potential dangers with online platforms.

There have recently been some rather graphic and horrible posts on the TikTok platform and these follow other unsuitable and unsafe posts on other social media platforms, including YouTube. We are aware that some children have found these posts and have been upset after viewing them, with some children becoming very distressed.

We know that many of our children use TikTok and other social media and as much as we will teach the children about how to stay safe when online, you, as parents / carers, have more control over what your children watch and use. Please make sure you are aware of what your child has access to and if you're not already, we would suggest looking at one of the websites below to ensure you are fully up to date with the different platforms and how to keep your child safe when they are using them.

Net Aware – includes lots of information on different apps and how safe they are deemed to be.
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

NSPCC – how to talk to your child about online safety
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Thinkuknow – lots of information about keeping safe online and advice for different age groups
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Internet Matters – solely information about keeping safe online
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

If your child does become upset or concerned about something they have seen, please speak to them about it and contact us to let us know so we can support your child in school. We are also available to support parents in dealing with any concerns arising from online issues.

Together, we will help the children use the internet safely.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Haken
Deputy Headteacher

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