



2 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 5,

It has been brought to our attention that there are continuing to be some incidents where children in Year 5 are communicating inappropriately with each other via online messaging applications.

We have spoken to the children concerned about this in school and have reminded them of the need to communicate online with the same respect you would when communicating face to face with someone. We have also reminded the children that once things are put online they are there permanently and could therefore be seen again in the future.

In line with our curriculum and safeguarding policies, online safety will continue to form an ongoing part of our internet safety teaching at school. However, as the social media platforms are being accessed outside of school, we would also like to ask for your support and vigilance with this with your children at home.

We encourage parents to talk with their children about their online activity and remind them of what they can do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Please also build in regular times that you are checking your child's mobile phone and other online devices so that you are monitoring their online activities.

The UK Safer Internet Site has some useful information for parents on keeping your child safe online. This can be accessed using the following link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or would like any further support with this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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