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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Online usage

Recently, it has come to my attention that several of our children have been involved in online conflicts. This includes communication through online gaming platforms and also various messaging applications including WhatsApp and Snapchat. The recommended age for Snapchat and WhatsApp is 16+.

Some of these conflicts could be considered as online bullying and it is critically important that children are aware of the ramifications of this. Cyber Bullying is a criminal offence and those children who have reached the age of 10 are criminally liable for their actions should this become a police matter.

As a school E-Safety is part of our curriculum, to compliment this the local Police Community support Officers have regularly visited the school to talk about online safety and the rights and responsibilities that come with online use. Despite this, we are seeing an increasing number of online issues brought into school which is affecting learning and behaviour.

As a school we can try to resolve issues when we are made aware of them but we simply cannot control what children access and communicate online, outside of school. It is the duty of parents and carers at home to ensure their child(ren) are accessing appropriate online content and to stringently monitor this.

If you are unsure of the age recommendations for certain Apps, games or websites you can visit:
www.commonsemmedia.org

We thank you for working with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Prest

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