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Dear Parent/Carer,

Each year students learn about the latest content in E-Safety. As technology advances and as new Apps become available it provides exciting opportunities for our young people to communicate and share media and prepare them for their future education and employment. However, this can also cause problems.

It has become clear from student discussions in E-Safety lessons that, outside of school, many are viewing inappropriate content. Some students have been witnessing videos which involve suicide, child and animal abuse and murders. The videos can be found on social media Apps such as Tiktok and Instagram, worryingly the content has at times appeared in video feeds without being searched for due to them being hidden inside what appear to be harmless content.

Students are always taught about the importance of talking to a responsible adult, such as a parent/carers or teacher if they ever feel uncomfortable with something that has happened online . This is more important than ever.

How you can help:

- Have regular conversations with your child about their internet use and encourage them to talk about anything that has happened that has made them feel uncomfortable. Having a calm and open conversation is one way for you and your child to explore what is happening in an honest and supportive way.
- Know what apps they use and take an interest in what they are using the App for.
- Check your child's device to ensure that the content is appropriate.

Information for parents on e-safety can be found at the following website: thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

If you would like any more information on anything discussed in this letter please contact your child's pastoral lead:

- Mrs Stewart Y5 and 6
- Miss Hills Y7 and 8
- Mrs Young Y9 and 10
- Miss Cassidy Y11 to 13

Yours faithfully

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