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Dear Parents & Carers

There have recently been a number incidents where unknown people have contacted our students when they have been using social media, such as Facebook, and inappropriate images and messages have been sent. Obviously and especially due to the vulnerability of our students, we are extremely concerned by this and, in line with our safeguarding policy, such incidents have been reported to the police and social care.

It is particularly important that you, as parents and carers, closely monitor your child's internet use and know exactly who they are talking to and what is being said.

Facebook requires users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. Creating an account with false information is a violation of their terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13. There are, however, significant risks for all of our vulnerable young people when using any form of social media, even when they are over this age.

There will be a parent workshop in February about keeping your child safe when using the internet (letter to follow). This will cover areas such as how you can protect your child from offensive messages and material and up to date information about the apps that young people use and the dangers that they pose. I strongly urge your attendance at this event.

Kind regards

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Mrs Millard
Headteacher



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