



Education Resources
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Our Mission Statement: "Children, staff and parents work together to ensure every child reaches their full potential and leaves with a smile due to the experiences, learning and support they have shared"

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Dear Parent / Carer

ONLINE SAFETY

Over the last few months we have been aware of an increasing number of concerns being raised by children and parents about a variety of messages which children have received on their mobile devices.

I am asking all parents and carers to regularly check children's mobile phones, I-pads and accounts on games.

I am also asking parents to talk with children about the wide variety of behaviours which can cause offence, upset and bad feeling. For example:

- **Sending multiple messages when an initial message is not responded to immediately**
- **Sending multiple messages late in the evening to lots of contacts**
- **Forwarding photographs with additional captions**
- **Phoning friends late into the night and hanging up**
- **Setting up class Instagram groups and adding members without their consent**
- **Messaging on group chats thinking that only one person can see the message when in fact all can**
- **Sending inappropriate, rude or threatening messages**

None of these messages have been sent in school time but trying to address these behaviours and actions is taking up a great deal of school time and is preventing children from feeling safe and secure.

To help with this problem I have invited a member of the police CEOPs team to work with children from Primary 1 to Primary 7 in age appropriate workshops on **Thursday 17 January**. I am hoping that, if we all work together to reinforce the messages about online safety and appropriate conduct, we can reduce the instances of these incidents and ensure that children feel protected from some of the pressures of online life.

Yours faithfully

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