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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Online Safety

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the need to ensure your child is staying safe online. We have noticed and been made aware of an increase in the amount of worrying activity on social media. At the academy we have a constant feed of information and guidance for students, however we also know that at times students may be unaware of the potential dangers associated with online accounts. I would ask that you speak to your child about sharing information online, especially pictures and personal details. I would also suggest that you may wish to go through your child's mobile phone and other devices to see what accounts and activities they are engaging with.

The ingenuity that perpetrators and predators use is worrying, and we need to work together to ensure that we keep our young people safe. I would ask you to take time to look at the information we have on our website under the [safeguarding at home area](#). This shows you how to apply privacy filters on devices and what to look for on the most popular websites such as Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.

As we approach the half term break, we feel it would be appropriate and responsible for us to address these issues further with students. We will do this by focusing on online safety through assemblies and tutor sessions, as well as reminder posters and displays around the academy.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the academy, and if you feel the concern is of a serious nature I would ask you to contact the police. As ever, we are grateful for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Godwin
Vice Principal