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Dear Families

Year 5 & Year 6 - Online Safety Advice for Parents

As part of our contextual safeguarding monitoring, we are aware that children in the city are accessing inappropriate images on their phones and sharing this content with their peers. This is a criminal offence for children over the age of ten. We encourage all parents to check your child's phone frequently and have conversations with your children about how they can stay safe online in this changing world of technology. Here is a reminder of the age ratings for the following social media sites:

Whatsapp – an instant messaging app for smartphones. The user agreement requires users to be 16 or older.

TikTok – a social media app that lets you watch, create and share videos. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app and that anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian.

Facebook – a social media platform that requires users to be over the age of 13.

Twitter - a social media platform that requires users to be over the age of 13.

Further information about parental control settings can be found on the following websites:

[Social media | NSPCC](#)
[Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters](#)

If you would like further support and information about online safety, you are welcome to join our online safety workshop for parents on Tuesday 11 July at 9.30am after the Y6 celebration assembly. The workshop will cover the importance of online safety and how you, as parents, can support your child when online. The session will also show you ways in which you can ensure your child's safety by looking at ways to privatise various apps and ensure parent controls are turned on when using laptops, iPads and mobile phones.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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