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Online Safety and Use of Mobile Phones

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to raise an important concern regarding pupils' online activity, particularly the sharing of images and personal information on social media while wearing school uniform.

We have become aware that some pupils are posting content online that clearly identifies them as members of our school and, in some cases, includes personal details and discusses members of staff. This can place children at risk and may have safeguarding and legal implications. We would like to remind families of the importance of regularly checking your child's phone use, privacy settings, and the apps they are accessing.

Please note that many popular social media platforms, including Snapchat, have a minimum age requirement of 13. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child is only using apps that are age-appropriate and that you are aware of how these platforms are being used by your child and you check their phone regularly.

We would also like to remind parents that mobile phones should only be brought into school if absolutely necessary—for example, if a child walks home alone and needs to make contact for safety reasons. We are seeing a big increase in the number of younger pupils bringing phones to school unnecessarily.

We will be addressing these issues with pupils during Safer Internet Day next week, focusing on responsible online behaviour and personal safety. However, this message is most effective when reinforced at home, and we greatly value your support in having these conversations with your child.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep all pupils safe, both in school and online.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wyn Hughes



