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Dear Parent

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Following reports of inappropriate material being hacked onto online communication platforms such as Facebook and Whatsapp and through streaming channels like Youtube, we would like to forward the following link for information on how to help keep our children safe and secure online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

There is a parent/carer section with excellent support in online safety, including information about restricting children's access.

Also the NSPCC have excellent materials for support.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Technology and the internet is a wonderful thing but unfortunately there are those who wish to use these in hurtful ways. We do our best to educate our children, in an age appropriate way, to secure them against these evils. To protect the pupils, we have the best possible filtering system in school to block inappropriate content and will do all we can to minimise the chance of them meeting this content.

Some of the children have been discussing what has happened this week online. As such we have had a general discussion with Kingfishers' and Owls' class about how to stay safe when using the internet and in online games, which many of our children enjoy. We have encouraged children to close anything that they feel is inappropriate and to speak to grown-ups at home or at school if they are unhappy about what they've seen.

If you wish for further information or advice and guidance we can help you in finding good quality information and support. It is important that we monitor our children's online activity because even with restrictions in place some inappropriate material can get through at home.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

Richard Lawrence

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