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Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 5&6 GOOGLE CLASSROOM SAFETY

As you will be aware, the school is using Google Classroom as a platform to provide home learning and support the children with their education during the time of school closure. The platform allows us to monitor a stream for potential questions and queries, submit work, give feedback and host live lessons for the children.

However, a few safeguarding/privacy issues have been brought to our attention. We are aware that the children are making their own 'Google Classroom' pages using their school accounts. Due to the fact that these pages are not monitored by an adult, and we cannot therefore ensure online safety, we ask that any additional Google Classroom pages that have been created by the children be deleted. Please could children be directed to use other age-appropriate platforms, with parental permission, to communicate socially with their peers.

In addition, we have also been informed that some children's school Google Classroom accounts have been accessed by other children with misuse of password information. As this is a breach of privacy and a key online safety issue, we would please ask that you remind your child not to login to anyone's account other than their own.

The Year 5 and 6 teachers will also be reminding the children of appropriate use of Google Classroom.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 and 6 Teachers.

