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Dear Parents/Carers

e-Safety Updates and Alerts

Further to the Head's Update at the end of last week, which included information and guidance about Instagram and geotagging, we would like to alert you to further advice and guidance about keeping your daughter safe online.

ooVoo

'ooVoo' is an online video chat application, and the guidance document attached has been created by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection arm of the NCA National Crime Agency) and published on the Thinkuknow e-safety website (<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>).

I do know from talking to Year 7 students that 'ooVoo' is popular with even our youngest girls, and it is important that parents know how to advise their daughters regarding keeping safe online.

Sexting, or 'nude selfies'

You will probably be aware of recent BBC news reports regarding the increase in child sexting. These reports highlight not only the short term dangers it poses to our young people, but the longer term consequences as well. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33126718>)

This report coincides with CEOP launching a series of advice videos for parents about 'nude selfies' and below is a link to the YouTube CEOP channel where you can view these videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ceop>

I hope you find this information useful, and if you have any concerns about your daughter's use of social media please do not hesitate to contact us for support.

Yours sincerely

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