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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, we have already had reports of incidents of children sending inappropriate and unpleasant messages to each other online. This is happening away from school, in the evenings and at over the weekend, but is then being reported to school. Our curriculum includes lots of learning and discussion about the appropriate use of the internet, social media and generally keeping safe online.

In school most of our children understand how to do these things and what is right and wrong. We will continue to work with them to explore this area further and to help improve understanding and what the consequences might be if they do make bad decisions, while online and using the internet.

What we cannot do, however, is supervise them when they are not at school. It is also extremely difficult to deal with incidents of unpleasantness when they arise away from school, unless of course we feel there are serious safeguarding concerns. This is your responsibility. We are asking that you supervise your children's use of social media and that you check what they are sending to each other. We believe that one of the forums being used is Snapchat and that posts on here disappear soon after they are sent and received and so are difficult to monitor.

Please work with us to help your children understand how to keep themselves and others safe online and to ensure that we have no further incidents of this type being brought into school. Year 6 have a busy year ahead of them and they need to focus on that and enjoying their last year with us.

Regards

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