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Dear Parent/Carers

Online Safety and Responsible Use of Mobile Phones – Years 5 and 6

We are writing regarding an increasing number of issues that are being brought into school following incidents that have taken place outside of school hours.

Recently, we have had several situations arise from children communicating via mobile phones, messaging platforms and online gaming. In particular, there have been instances where unkind or inappropriate comments have been made between children whilst playing online games unsupervised. These issues are then brought into school the following day, resulting in upset between children and, in some cases, a significant loss of valuable learning time whilst staff resolve the matters.

Whilst we will always support children to resolve conflict and feel safe in school, we are not able to monitor or manage online interactions that take place at home. We therefore ask that you closely supervise your child's use of mobile phones, messaging apps and online gaming platforms. Please ensure that appropriate parental controls are in place and that you are regularly checking who your child is communicating with and how they are interacting with others online.



If online incidents continue to be brought into school and result in ongoing conflict and disruption to learning, we will review our current arrangements regarding mobile phones. Should this become necessary, the school will no longer supervise children's mobile phones during the school day and children will not be permitted to bring mobile phones onto the school premises.

We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing positive online behaviour and helping us to ensure that school remains a calm and focused learning environment for all children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please address them directly to your child's class teacher using the class email account.

Yours sincerely

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