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20th April 2021

Dear Year 6 Parent /Carer,

I have been made aware that unsuitable and inappropriate material may have been shared amongst some year 6 children on social networking platforms via personal mobile phones outside of school. My understanding that Snap Chat may be the platform used.

Coincidentally PC Thomas, our school liaison officer, was in school yesterday and gave a talk to year 6 children about safety online and the use of platforms.

I have spoken to the local authority safeguarding officer regarding this matter and I am writing to strongly urge you to chat to your children to ensure they have been safe online and that they have not had any such inappropriate material shared with them or indeed shared anything themselves. Please check your children's mobile phones and ensure all safeguards are in place. If you become aware that unsuitable material has been shared please contact me at school so that I may offer further advice or alternatively speak to Gwent Police.

Please reinforce the messages about safety online. Please also note that the minimum age for children to hold many of these accounts is thirteen.

I must also remind parents that mobile phones **should not be brought to school**. Only in exceptional circumstances and by arrangement with either myself or Mrs Jenkins. If this is agreed they should be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter to keep all our children safe.

I enclose links from a previous online safety communication below which may be of help and a letter from Gwent Police.

Link to online safety advice- click [here](#).

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher



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Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

We are the Schools Community Police Officers who recently visited your child's school with regard to the delivery of an internet safety presentation.

We discussed what children use the computer for, inappropriate use of the computer and who to tell if things go wrong. You may be surprised to learn that many of the children under the age of **ELEVEN** years old have Facebook accounts. No person under the age of **THIRTEEN** should be on Facebook. Some of the content within the Facebook website may be totally inappropriate for young people.

It would be very beneficial if you could read some of the following suggestions for helping to keep your children safe whilst online.

- Keep the computer in a family room – this means you can keep more control of what they do, such as webcams.
- If unsure, ask your children to teach you how to use all applications.
- Discuss use of internet access via mobile phones.
- Remind them that they can report anything if it goes wrong.
- Remind them never to give out personal details such as home address, school attended, messenger ID, email address, mobile number or picture of themselves.
- If spam or junk emails are received remind your child never to open them, believe them or respond to them.
- Ensure all privacy settings are set. Most sites will remain public until altered by the user.

Look out for the CEOP sign. (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) If you need to report suspicious behaviour or abuse online, simply click on the icon and complete the short form. A member of the CEOP team will contact you back.



Additionally you can add the following websites to your favourites:

www. “ceop.gov.uk” “thinkuknow.co.uk” “childnet-int.org” “chatdanger.com”

- S** **SAFE:** Keep safe by remembering never to give out personal information, such as your name, email, phone number, home address or school name to people who you don't trust online.
- M** **Meeting:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent/care's permission and only then when they can be present.
- A** **Accepting:** Accepting emails, IM messages or opening files, picture or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems as they may contain viruses or nasty messages.
- R** **Reliable:** Someone online may be lying about who they are, also information you find on the internet may not always be reliable.
- T** **Tell:** Tell your parent/carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

I hope this advice will benefit you and your family and create a safer environment for you all. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries, questions or comments or for further information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

PC Kathryn Thomas / PC Lisa Mulcahy-Jones
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