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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to ask for your support regarding the use of social media and online communication by children.

Recently, we have received reports of inappropriate and offensive language being used in messages and online interactions involving some pupils outside of school hours. While these activities may take place away from school, we know that they can have a significant impact on children's wellbeing, friendships and their experiences in school.

We would therefore be grateful if all parents and carers could take some time to check their child's social media accounts, messaging apps and online activity. Regular conversations about online behaviour can help children understand the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, both in person and online.

We encourage you to:

- Check the apps and platforms your child is using.
- Review privacy and safety settings together.
- Talk about appropriate online language and behaviour.
- Remind children that the same standards of respect apply online as they do in school.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if they see or experience anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

We recognise that managing children's online activity can be challenging, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping us promote a safe, respectful and positive environment for all members of our school community.

Many thanks,

Mrs Steward
Assistant Head/SENCO