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'Where everyone matters'

Head Teacher Mrs. J. Bayliss



Dear Parents/Carers,

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Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that there are a number of children in year 4 who are misusing some apps and accessing websites outside of school, which can then impact their mental health and wellbeing. Some of these websites have adult themed content and are of a sexual nature. By using these apps and accessing websites such as 'Seven Minutes to Heaven' etc., pupils are opening themselves up to a wide range of potential dangers from outside influences. They are at risk to online predators, cyberbullying, witnessing offensive and inappropriate materials, etc.

As a school, we encourage parents to support us with the education and wellbeing of their children, as well as eliminate these opportunities for children to be exposed to offensive materials. There is a reason why there is an age limit on certain apps and websites - many pupils below these ages are not yet mature enough to use these tools responsibly, but are also vulnerable to the dangers which they could become exposed to. Therefore, we would like to kindly ask parents and carers to check what your children are accessing online. As a school, we can teach the children about the dangers of using apps, devices and the internet but it is the responsibility of parents and carers to check and prevent their children from using and having access to these tools outside of school. We continue to teach pupils of all ages in the school about the many benefits of using digital technology and online tools, but also the dangers and harm these can potentially bring if not used appropriately. We will continue to promote the safe use of social media and internet use to highlight to the children about the importance of being a responsible digital citizen, but we strongly urge parents and carers to support us with this as we're unable to monitor and enforce it outside of school.

The children engage in IT and PSHE lessons regularly to learn about how to stay safe in Modern Day Britain. In addition to this there are a range of organisations such as Brook, Police, and Youth Services coming into school to deliver workshops and assemblies on how to stay safe.

Kind regards

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FSW/DSL

