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'Where everyone matters'

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As digital communication becomes an essential part of our daily lives, it is important to ensure that the children use platforms safely and responsibly. **It has come to our attention that there are children in year 4 who have become interested in looking for Omegle, Talk to Strangers with free video chat online.**

This is particularly risky for children and teenagers. The platform connects strangers randomly through text or video chat, often **without strong moderation or identity checks**. Children may be randomly matched with adults who display **nudity or sexual acts on camera**. Many users deliberately join to show explicit content. Even if a child disconnects quickly, they can still be exposed suddenly to the explicit content. Another concern is that the children will have contact with people who are promoting violence, hate groups, drugs and self-harm. These conversations can influence the way a child sees the world and how to behave.

In addition, **it has been noted that some children in Year 4 have been playing playground games that involve discussing celebrities or characters such as P-Diddy.** Unfortunately, children can become exposed to this type of content through news coverage, social media, and other forms of communication. We would therefore ask parents and carers to please be mindful of the content their child may be hearing, watching, or discussing. In some cases, children have been searching for these names online, including on Google. There is a reason why there is an age limit on certain apps - 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. Monitoring and guiding what children are accessing online can help ensure they are not exposed to material that may be inappropriate for their age.

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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting school with these ongoing challenges that the online world brings.

Kind regards

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