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Dear Parents/Carer

As you are fully aware the internet has become a powerful tool to connect and to share ideas and opinions. In recent years, social networking sites such as Facebook have grown in popularity and many people use them to communicate with family, friends and others.

The vast majority of people who use social networking show respect in their communication with others and this is something that we must encourage, to show our children that we are positive 'digital role models'. However, like others aspects of society, there are people who disregard the rules set and will use social networking sites to cyber bully, harass or stalk each other. Recently there have been a number of high-profile cases in the media where people have used the internet to intimidate and bully others. These have been investigated by the police and, in some instances, have led to criminal prosecutions.

As a school, we encourage parents to support us with the education and wellbeing of their children and if at any time parents feel that they have any issues regarding their child's education, they should make an appointment with the head teacher or me. As a community we should all condemn the use of social networking sites by parents to criticise and make unsubstantiated comments about the school or any members of staff.

We do not want to go down the line of having to send out legal letters from solicitors to parents about untrue and damaging comments made on social networking sites. Current laws such as the 1988 Malicious Communication Act, 1997 Protection from Harassment Act and 2003 Communication Act all can be used to protect people from malicious and threatening posts on the internet.

Parents need to be aware that we will contact the police immediately should malicious material be posted about the school or individuals working in the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Chair of Governors

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