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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention through discussions with some children and parents that a growing number of pupils are listening to disturbing, and inappropriate music materials, and in some cases watching the accompanying videos.

Such music and videos contain language and themes that would be 18+ in the film and gaming sectors and are extremely disturbing. This is especially concerning when children who are young and impressionable are able to access them easily.

Music is inspirational and influential and can have a profound effect on our wellbeing. Whilst we appreciate the value and importance that music plays in our lives and respect individuality and personal choice, we felt that you would also appreciate being made aware of this.

Often the titles are fairly innocent and not indicative of the explicit lyrics and content within the song.

Our advice - as always - is to closely monitor your child's online activity, including music and video searches. This is especially important if you feel there has been any change in your child's demeanour, mood, language or behaviour.

Please take some time to listen to what your children are listening to and be especially mindful if they are using headphones etc.

Please remind them to tell an adult if they see or hear something that has upset them in anyway so that you can help them to process and manage this or seek support from school if you need to.

Assuring you of our best intentions at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Thornburn

Principal

