



HIGHFIELD LITTLEPORT ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Online Safety Concerns

We have been made aware of a disturbing child-abduction horror film that is currently going viral on 'Tik-Tok' and 'YouTube', some 9 years after its initial release.

Children and young people are naturally curious, especially when influenced by their peers to go online, however the content of such films contain violence, abuse and can be extremely distressing to viewers.

Our advice to parents/carers is to sensitively check in with your children, particularly if they have been showing behavioural changes or seem upset or withdrawn. Do this by having an open conversation and suggest that you've heard there is some disturbing content being circulated online or via TikTok and ask if they've heard of anything like that? This is the best way to open an indirect conversation that enables your child to talk to you about any concerns without inciting them or their friends to seek out the actual content. Please ensure that children and young people in your care know who they can talk to if they come across something that upsets or distresses them online. Furthermore, it is useful to discuss with your child how they keep themselves safe online while playing games that include an in-game chat function.

We deliver a robust program of internet safety to our pupils through our computing and PSHE curriculum. If you do become aware of any incidents or you have concerns about your child's online behaviours, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher who will be able to signpost you to some further resources.

If you have any questions, then please do let me know.

Many thanks,

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