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Online Safety Year 5 and 6

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that some children in both Year 5 and 6 are part of various online messaging sites such as:

- Discord
- Snapchat
- Whatsapp

This week, some of the children have disclosed to staff that the content shared within these groups, notably via Discord, have been of a highly inappropriate nature and caused some of our pupils distress. The inappropriate content shared has been by people the children have 'met' online. This content has included profanity, inappropriate pictures and racism.

Please take the time to have an open and honest conversation with your child about the experiences they are having online. We advise that you discuss the online groups and forums that they are currently using and check the content of the messages they both send and receive.

Discord

I have also included some further information in relation to online safety and the Discord site/app. The first thing to note with this site/app is that it is **intended to be used by adults**. According to Discord's terms and conditions, the age rating is 13+ because of infrequent and **mild profanity, crude humor, mild sexual content** and **nudity**.

I also advise that you check your online safety filters on all the devices your child has access to and frequently monitor all content that your child is currently accessing. The internet is such a wonderful resource that has certainly changed all of our lives. However, there are also some dangers online and it is our responsibility to protect and educate our children how to navigate the internet safely.

Many thanks

Mr Ullah

Deputy Head Teacher