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Dear Parents

Year 6: Internet Safety

It has been brought to my attention that an increasing number of our year 6 pupils have been using platforms such as "What's app" and Instagram in the evenings and at the weekends (whilst at home) to send inappropriate messages to others. This has then led to a number of issues for the school to deal with including "cyberbullying." I'm sure you will agree that this is unacceptable and in conflict with the school's policies and harmonious ethos.

Staff have spent a great deal of time investigating and following up incidents. I'm sure you will agree that this can be avoided, and our time could be better spent focusing on the learning of our children, to ensure they make great progress.

I have spoken at length to the children in their various classes about our concerns and expectations, especially the effects of cyberbullying and online safety. I have also spoken to them about the seriousness and consequences of such behaviour.

Can you please speak to you child about this matter. It's imperative that parents carefully supervise and monitor their children whilst involved with online activities. It is your responsibility to know and control what your children are doing.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that mobile phones are forbidden on the school premises unless prior permission has been given from the Headteacher. All authorised mobile phones must be kept in the office. A failure to do so will lead to the confiscation of the mobile device. I would also ask you to seriously consider whether your child, at this time, requires a mobile phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Marie Leighton'.

Anne Marie Leighton
Assistant Headteacher