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Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Families,

Re: Online Safety

On **Wednesday 4th February**, two Police Officers from the **Youth Intervention Team** will be visiting school to support our ongoing work around **online safety**.

The day will begin with an assembly for all pupils, focusing on how to use mobile phones and other digital devices safely and responsibly outside of school.

Following the assembly, a small number of pupils will take part in targeted phone safety workshops. These sessions are designed to support children who are currently finding it difficult to navigate online interactions and who may have become involved in challenging or bullying behaviour online.

As you know, pupils are required to hand in their mobile phones to their tutors at the start of the school day and collect them at the end, meaning phones are not used during school hours. Unfortunately, many of the difficulties we are seeing arise outside of school time.

Incidents of online bullying are currently increasing, with a number of pupils bringing screenshots of unkind or upsetting messages they have received while at home. These incidents can have a significant impact on children's wellbeing and also require considerable staff time to investigate and to help repair relationships between individuals and groups.

By working alongside the Police Youth Intervention Team, we hope to further support our pupils in understanding how to use their devices in a positive, safe, and respectful way, and to reduce the frequency of these incidents.

Parents and carers of pupils who have been selected for the workshops will be contacted shortly with further details.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe.

Yours sincerely

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