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Dear parents and carers

Re: How safe is your child on social media?

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a number of concerned parents, with children in Y5 and Y6, contact us about unkind comments on a range of social media. We have spoken to the parents and the children concerned.

The internet can be a great place when monitored and used safely. However, recently we have seen an increase in the number of group chats, the most popular is 'party' on the 'x-box', that have led to a couple of children feeling upset.

The safety of your child is very important to us, whether in school or out there in the wider world. Recently, we have had dedicated assemblies about 'Cyber bullying' at KS2 which have highlighted the use of unkind words and comments online and how these can be hurtful and upset others that they know when they are 'chatting' to each other online.

The children have been reminded that they must always inform the adults at home what they are using and feel confident to share the comments they are making or receiving with them.
If they find someone is unkind then they must block them and report them to the provider.

If you would like further information www.net-aware.org.uk is a useful site to refer to.

The NSPCC advise 4 easy steps:

TALK about staying safe on line
EXPLORE their online world together
AGREE the rules about what is OK and what is not OK
MANAGE your family's settings and controls

Repeat making part of your everyday life

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This week there is a safer internet day, and again we will be discussing the use of the internet with your child.

You might find this link useful to start the conversation at home: www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/

If you would like any further advice or have concerns, always feel free to come in and chat with us.

Kind regards

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