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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Use of Mobile Phones and Tablets**

Firstly, a very happy new year to you all and a warm welcome back to our children.

We understand that many of the pupils have been fortunate enough to receive new mobile phones and tablets for Christmas, and it has been brought to our attention that there have already been several issues with inappropriate use over the school holiday which is having a knock-on effect as we embark upon the new school term.

Could I please ask that all parents/carers be highly vigilant when it comes to your child's use of social media on phones and tablets. There are a number of applications that are readily available to young people and that pose a real danger to the safety and well-being of users.

For more information about the risks of social media, please see the following link from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP):

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/how-to-guides/>

We will be inviting parents and carers to a coffee morning later on in the Spring Term during which we hope to be able to offer further advice on the issues surrounding e-safety through links with the local community police service.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our E-Safety Lead, Sean Cullen.

Yours sincerely

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