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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Archbishop Cranmer, we create a positive safeguarding culture towards online safety. We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the [online safety page](#) on our school website, which will keep you up to date with all the relevant information to keep your children safe online.

We are very much aware that when using the internet without the school's highly secure firewall, which blocks inappropriate content, pupils' innocent searches may lead to not so innocent results, and sometimes, children may look for things because they are curious particularly as they get older.

All staff at school receive regular safeguarding training, but it is important we all know how to reassure young people and help them know what to do and where to go for support if they see inappropriate content online.

If your child has seen inappropriate content online, you can:

- talk with them about what they've seen – let them know what is, and isn't, appropriate for their age.
- reassure them that they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're worried about something.
- get advice on setting up parental controls.
- report any inappropriate, illegal, explicit, identifying or distressing content to CEOP through their website.
- block any distressing, inappropriate or upsetting content on social media websites.

In school, we talk to children about the importance of:

- Knowing the minimum ages of apps and social media
- Making sure their social media accounts aren't public, wherever possible
- Telling their parents or carers what they're doing online
- Only accepting friend requests from people they know and trust in real life
- Telling an adult if anything online makes them feel upset or uncomfortable
- Knowing how they can report an inappropriate message or other content within an app/social media site, and how to block people (where possible)

We also challenge any conversations we overhear about:

- Using apps or sites that sound inappropriate for a child's age or maturity
- Bullying or unkindness taking place online
- Talking to people online who are strangers, or being contacted by someone they don't know
- Posting or sending photos or videos of themselves or others online
- Respond to cyber-bullying (also known as online bullying) as you would to any other bullying.

With this in place, we can spot the risks pupils may come into contact with online and support parents/carers with online safety at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards

Lauren Rogers

