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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you as parents/carers with a request for your cooperation and support in regards to online safety.

As I am sure you are aware, this is something we talk to the children about on a regular basis through Assemblies and classroom discussions.

Unfortunately, we continue to find ourselves dealing with issues related to online usage, particularly social media and live chat through Xbox or Play Station. Conversations/arguments that the children have online whilst at home, often spill into school the following day, resulting in time out from their learning to sort it out.

As a school we are asking for your support to manage this increasingly concerning situation. You can do this by:

- Monitoring your child's online usage
- Checking who your child is 'chatting' to online
- Ensuring your child only plays on age appropriate games
- Checking videos before your child posts them online
- Make use of parent controls to prevent inappropriate content (contact your online provider for support with this)

The internet can be an amazing tool for children to use to explore and learn from. However, it can also be a very dangerous place and we have recently been made aware of a child in Doncaster being groomed on Xbox Live. Also, as a school we have been in contact with the Police in regards to a case of online harassment.

I hope we can work together to keep our children safe whilst enjoying the benefits that the internet can offer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind Regards

Jo Howe
Inclusion Leader

