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To the Parents and Carers of Children in Year 5 and 6

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Dear Abbeys Families

I have made the decision to write to you following my recent investigation of a serious online safeguarding incident involving children from Abbeys.

As part of the whole school Computing curriculum, we teach our children how to stay safe online. This includes keeping personal information private and identifying ways to report concerns about unacceptable content or contact.

However, despite the fact that our children are regularly reminded that they are all under the legal minimum age of 13 to open a social media account, a number of our pupils do appear to be independently active on Instagram and Whatsapp. I am sure you will agree that this makes the children extremely vulnerable, as proved this week during my investigation as Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school.

- Do you know if your child has a social media account - even though they are under 13?
- Can you access it to check for inappropriate content or contact?
- Do you know what apps your child uses on their mobile phone?

Please speak to your child to make sure they know how to stay safe online. We all need to work together to protect our children.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for pupils at Abbeys to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Best wishes

Mrs Sophie Good
Headteacher

