



On-line conversations ~ safeguarding Yr6



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Dear Yr6 Parents and Carers

Recently, it has been necessary for me to speak with our Yr6 children about safeguarding ~ with reference to the on-line world of communication that we live in.

I've needed to talk about respect.

Respect through their choice of words and language and attitude ~ all of which can have a negative impact upon the person receiving the messages.

I have been alarmed at the type of language used by some of them ~ the obscenities, the threats, the vulgar phrases, the taunting voice mails and even suggestions of self-harming and suicide!

I acknowledge the fact that their on-line communications take place out of school. However, the resulting emotions are brought into school. The children can be sad and upset, angry and annoyed; their self-confidence suffers, their self-belief takes a knock-back and they feel very negative about themselves. None of which puts them in a good place for learning.

As the long weekend approaches, the children will have even more opportunities to make electronic contact with each other. I'm sure that all will be well in the vast majority of cases; but I do ask that you work in partnership with us and do all you can to keep vigilant with regard to their own safety and that of others with whom they communicate.

We do not suggest that the children stop using their devices, but that they are guided to use them safely and with respect for themselves and for others.

Thank you so much for your help and support in this matter ~ it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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