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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents, carers and pupils of the potential risks associated with communication using the internet in all its forms. It seems that despite the constant lessons and messages in school about the dangers, the message is still not being taken on board outside of school. The link below outlines the NSPCC's current information and facts about online grooming which is an essential read for all adults responsible for their child's safety online. It draws particular attention to the dangers of Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/online-grooming-crimes-rise/>

The link below will take you to our website page which has a wealth of information about age restrictions and privacy settings for every online app and game you could think of. It also has guidance on how to talk to your child about keeping safe online alongside pupil friendly games to encourage online safety.

<http://www.deriprimaryschool.com/keeping-safe-online.html>

The message also needs to be reiterated about how we speak to one another online. The message to the children in school is that don't say anything to another person online that you wouldn't say to them in person. My advice is don't communicate anything to anyone you wouldn't want your teacher to hear or read! Bullying in all its forms, especially online which is defined as sending indecent, offensive, false or threatening communications, is something we work hard to eradicate. It is every adult's responsibility to ensure this message is understood by all children. The link below will provide you with lots of information about this; it is also on our website.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying>

It is more important than ever that we work together to keep our children safe.

Thank you for your continued support,

S. Martin