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**Exemplary education for all, through God's amazing grace
Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.**

Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

Online Safety

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

There have been reports of children being upset by messages online. This can usually be avoided if we remind children to look out for their friends, not say anything that they wouldn't like to hear themselves, and not to type anything online that they wouldn't normally say in real life. We will be reinforcing this message in our lessons and our assemblies.

We remind you that social media sites generally have age 13+ restrictions. Children in primary schools shouldn't have Instagram, Tik Tok or snap chat accounts as they are also 13+. Whatsapp is 16+ and is often a cause of upset out of school which then affects learning and friendships in school. Please do not let your child use these apps.

Please remind your children never to share scary or rude images, even to complain about them. If they do see something that worries them or that might be wrong, they need to ask for help from a trusted adult. They could talk to you or to us, or they may feel more comfortable talking anonymously to Childline. We have been made aware of a real and particularly nasty viral post going round on Tik Tok. It is therefore wise not to let your children use this app at all at this time.

If you are concerned about an adult's behaviour towards a child online, you can report them to [CEOP](http://www.ceop.gov.uk). And as a parent, you can also contact the NSPCC - O2 advice line on 0808 800 5002.

Thank you for your support - do let us know if you have any questions.

Mrs Robins
Deputy Head

