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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.

21.5.2021

Re: use of internet/ social media

Dear Parents and Carers

In December 2020 we wrote to you about our concerns around the children's use of the internet. Since the wider opening of the school in March, families have raised further concerns around children's use of the internet- particularly in **group chats** via platforms such as whatsapp.

Although we are constantly educating children about the importance of using the internet safely, we do not have the resources or the jurisdiction to resolve every issue that takes place out of school hours. In order to maintain the safety of the children of Holy Trinity as well as their ability to focus on learning in school and avoid distraction, it is vitally important that we work together to raise awareness and increase understanding of the potential dangers in this area.

The occurrences and reported incidents of misuse of social media sites happen at home, after school hours. Next week we have three PSCOs coming into school to speak to year 6 about their online presence to support our teaching, and the children's learning, in this matter.

Please monitor your child's online usage and talk to them about appropriate behaviour, particularly if you allow them to use apps that are targeted for 13+.

WhatsApp is a Social Media app designed for children aged 16+; this means that none of our children should be using it.

Many thanks

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Mrs Robins

Deputy Head and Safeguarding Lead



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