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Dear Parents/Carers

**SAFEGUARDING – ON-LINE SAFETY CONCERNS IN DONCASTER**

It has been brought to our attention about a couple of alarming online safety concerns that are currently circulating in the Doncaster area.

The first is linked to a chat room facility, called 'Omegle,' which facilitates children talking to strangers anonymously. Please follow this link for more information regarding these types of chat rooms and for helpful guidance on how to safeguard your child/dren.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2020/05/15/safeguarding-alert-dangerous-chat-rooms/>

The second one which has been raised by the police to secondary school aged children, but are mindful that this could become a feature with primary aged children due to having siblings at secondary school, has been linked to Instagram.

A video that is being sent to children via Instagram starts with images of someone riding a bike but then changes to a disturbing image which is illegal, so please be extra vigilant of which apps your child/ren may be accessing. A reminder that children accessing Instagram should be aged 13 and above. Police have made some secondary schools aware that it is a criminal offence to view this image or to send it on via social media.

The link below highlights guidance regarding Indecent Images of Children and explains the law around this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecent-images-of-children-guidance-for-young-people/indecent-images-of-children-guidance-for-young-people>

We are asking that parents do NOT make light of this with their child/ren but to be extra vigilant of knowing what their child/children are accessing. The reason for this is because if the image is viewed and sent on, the person responsible is committing a criminal offence and risks being interviewed by the Police and losing their mobile phone for a long time whilst Police examine the device. If such an image is received it should be reported to the Police.

If you are concerned that your child/ren may be a victim/s of exploitation online, please contact the school's safeguarding line on 07591203296. You can also find more information regarding online safety on our website, listed on the 'Online Safety' page under 'Classes & Home Learning.'

Yours sincerely

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