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E-safety concerns

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to my attention that children in school are using online chat systems at home to pass messages to each other. While this is in itself not a cause for concern, some of these messages have contained offensive and abusive language.

I need to make all parents aware that children are able to pass messages to each other using apps such as **Whatsapp**, **Facebook Messenger** and the usual text messaging but in addition to this, they can, and have, also used chat within games such as **Roblox**, **Clash of Clans** and **Among Us**, and in video and picture sharing apps such as **Tik Tok** and **Instagram**.

I have spoken to the children in Polar Bear class this morning to make it clear that if I am shown evidence of inappropriate messaging and offensive language online, I will share that with the culprit's parents.

Please can you all be vigilant and ensure that your children are messaging kindly and using appropriate language; I appreciate it is difficult to monitor your child's online behavior but there is evidence that suggests that some children may have been exchanging messages with strangers and this is extremely concerning.

Further advice on keeping your child safe online can be found [here](#) but if you have any concerns about your own child's activity online, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Riley
Head of School

