

12th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Monitoring use of social media

You will have received my letter dated 11th November informing parents of a series of serious online incidents occurred on the school's Google Classroom page on Friday 6th November.

The comments made on the school's page included references to child pornography, incest and terrorism. The matter is being jointly investigated by the school and the police.

I am writing to you personally to inform you that one of the pupils involved in this incident is a contact of your child.

We understand that there is a group of male pupils in Year 11 who engage in late-night 'Playstation Parties' and that your child also attends these events.

So far we have investigated at least three unpleasant incidents as a result of information shared within these parties. The incidents all involve serious levels of cyberbullying.

Young people are entitled to their space and privacy but it is important that we bring these parties to your attention so that you can continue to closely monitor your child's use of the internet and social media.

At this stage we have no evidence of your child being involved in any of the online incidents on Friday 6th November, but we will continue to keep you informed about any concerns we have regarding the Playstation parties as these social events have unfortunately been disrupting and spilling into the day-to-day lives of other pupils in Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Jessica McQuaid
Head Teacher