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To All Parents

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Dear Parents,

Re: Warning Letter re Facebook

As parents, I am sure you are all very well aware of the dangers which can arise when children use Facebook and other social networking sites. We have recently been contacted by the Police (D.C. Sarah Neal) with a request that all pupils be reminded that they should never arrange to meet anyone contacted on the internet. In addition, your children should be advised that if anything upsets or worries them whilst using a site then the matter must be reported to an appropriate adult.

Pupils must be aware that adding strangers as their 'Friends' can be a dangerous activity as these sites can act as a shield for unsavoury characters who wish to 'befriend' unsuspecting children. In particular, parents are advised to warn their children not to post their photographs on sites or to divulge any personal information such as their telephone number, address, or the school they attend. In order to protect our pupils I would urge all parents to talk to their children to reinforce this message.

Whilst writing, I would also like to ask parents to remind their children that they must never take photographs of anyone without their consent. In addition, it is very important that they realise information and photographs of other pupils should not be uploaded onto any other internet sites such as YouTube.

D.C. Neal has also kindly provided the attached 'Tips for Children using the Internet and Social Networking Sites' which I hope you will find of assistance when speaking to your children. If you have any particular concerns regarding this matter then please do not hesitate to contact D.C. Neal on telephone number 0845 6070999 ext. 81301.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scullion
Headmaster