



15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## E-safety Information

We have been made aware of a serious incident of internet safety amongst some of our Year 8 students. An unknown male has infiltrated many of their group chats on Snapchat. He is 'talking' to students and sending images whilst also asking them to send images of themselves. The police are aware and are investigating.

Please can you be especially vigilant and talk to your children about their internet safety. Please also be aware that our children are often one step ahead of us and we have found that they are able to, for example, hide apps, change the face of apps, look like they have deleted apps but are able to reopen them whilst retaining all previous content.

We have also been made aware of the inappropriate language that the students are using between themselves and are perceiving as acceptable and normal. This includes racist, homophobic and sexual language.

We will continue to educate our students about e-safety but ask for your support as this is happening out of school hours.

If you have any concerns please contact your child's House office in the first instance or for a serious safety breach contact the police on 101 directly.

Useful websites for parents include:

[www.parentsprotect.co.uk/internet-safety](http://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/internet-safety)

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Yours faithfully

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