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Dear Parents and Carers

eSafety - Sharing of Inappropriate Images

I would like to ask for your support by taking time to explain the seriousness to your son/daughter of students having inappropriate images on their phones including via social media platforms.

It is a criminal offence for anyone to have an inappropriate image of a child on their phone including an image of them self on their own phone. In such a situation we will confiscate any phones we believe to hold or have held inappropriate images. We will then contact the Police and follow their guidance on the matter. Police action could range from an informal warning to a full investigation and prosecution depending on the nature of the images and their use.

All students will be reminded of the following messages regarding sharing inappropriate images and sexting:

- Your body belongs to you! It is not appropriate or right to share such pictures with others
- Don’t send a text or image that you would not show your family
- It is a criminal offence to hold any inappropriate images of a child on your phone, including images of yourself
- You lose control of the image the moment it is posted online
- Tell a responsible adult if you become aware of such matters or contact CEOP

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Mobile phone technology has transformed many aspects of daily life, but it has also developed behaviours which can be dangerous and place children at risk. I would urge you to access the links below and discuss your son/daughter’s online behaviour with them to help ensure their safety


CEOP website: https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Think u Know website: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/Films/exposed/

Thank you for your support and please contact your son/daughter’s form tutor or Director of Learning if appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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