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Dear Parent/Carer,

During the past few weeks special assemblies have been arranged to inform your child about the many dangers faced by all those who have accounts on the various social media websites, including Instagram and Facebook. This has been part of a programme to ensure your child is fully aware of the dangers they face online. They have also had the opportunity to reflect on this issue during an assembly presented by Mrs Peaker (Senior Safeguarding Officer) and the Healthy Minds/Resilience presentations (PIPS) delivered during the autumn term.

One of the more serious complaints, recently brought to my attention, was discovered and reported by a concerned parent who regularly monitors their child's social network activity. This vigilance is very good practice and I would urge all parents/carers to monitor their son/daughter's online activity rigorously in order to maintain their safety and also ensure that personal information is not given freely to any contacts. At Notre Dame we expect the highest standards of respect between all members of our community. On occasion the language and comments made on-line are abusive and hurtful. It is, in essence, cyber bullying and falls short of the high standards of behaviour and attitude expected here at Notre Dame. All incidents will be dealt with seriously and could incur sanctions as per the Behaviour Management Policy of the school.

Please discuss this with your son/daughter. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss this issue further please contact your child's Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year.

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Harrison
Headteacher