

INFORMATION REGARDING POLICE INVOLVEMENT AROUND SOCIAL MEDIA USE

YEAR 6

Last year, multiple pupils were involved in police investigations based on their unsafe and vulnerable behaviour on social media, whilst at home. These investigations are still ongoing.

As a result of this, we have begun working with ProjectEVOLVE, which is an online teaching tool to support pupils and parents to understand the severity and potential consequences of their actions online.

As part of our work with ProjectEVOLVE, we assess our pupils' current knowledge and actions that they would choose based on some real-life scenarios.

YEAR 6 FINDINGS:

Scenario: I got really scared by something online. My dad told me not to visit the site again. That didn't help and I'm still worried.

24% of pupils in Year 6 said, 'If your parents are saying not to worry then you really shouldn't – try to forget about it or did not know what they would do in this scenario.'

What is the correct response? You shouldn't be worrying about things – there are lots of places that offer help, as well as advice on ways to talk to parents.

As a school, we will then use these findings to teach our pupils the correct information to support them to make better choices whilst online.

Reminders to parents:

Your child is much younger than the recommended age for access to most social media platforms (TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat, Facebook, WhatsApp). Your child should not have access to these forms of social media. They do not possess the emotional intelligence to navigate this complex world.

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Article 15 Every child has the right to meet with other people and joins groups