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Dear Parent/Carers,

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at The Bewdley School. We can only be successful in keeping all of our children safe online if we work with you to ensure that online safety messages are consistent and that all members of the community behave safely and appropriately online.

Mrs McDougall's assemblies and Values@Bewdley lessons this week have focused on 'Being Safe Online'. We are writing to you to request your support in ensuring that our children have responsible online role models when posting and sharing content on social media sites. Whilst everyone is entitled to have their own views and opinions, we would like to ask that all members of our school community consider how our comments may be misunderstood or misinterpreted when shared online and the possible impact and consequences on others of our online actions.

If parents/carers have any concerns or complaints regarding the school/setting, then we would like to request that they be made using official channels so we can work together to help resolve any concerns that parents/carers may have. The complaints procedure and anti-bullying policy and other relevant policies (such as behaviour or child protection policies) are available online via the school website <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/statutory-policies/> or upon request at the office.

As responsible adults it's important that we all consider the potential impact and implications of online behaviour for ourselves and our families, as well as other members of the school community. Our school is keen to work in partnership with parents and carers to promote responsible internet use and acknowledge how important your role is in setting a good example of positive and responsible online behaviour for your child(ren). The school has recently updated its "Safeguarding" page <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding/> on the school website. The page offers parents/carers valuable information, advice and signposting on key safeguarding themes; examples include bullying, E-Safety, Prevent, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) to name a few.

More information about online safety can be found at the following places:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.childnet.com
- www.nscpsc.org.uk/onlinesafety
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.getsafeonline.org

If parents/carers wish to discuss this matter further or have any other online safety concerns then please contact Mr Chauhan - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Many thanks in advance for your support in this matter,



Dave Hadley-Pryce
Head Teacher