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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: E-Safety

As a school, we believe that it is essential to ensure that the members of our community are well equipped, educated and able to provide effective support to their children in keeping them safe online. I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you all to reinforce this message.

It is important to recognise that there are significant issues in our communities that affect our boys during their time at The Fulham Boys School. Social media and online activity is one of these issues and we are increasingly having to deal with this in school. We will continue to educate our young men on what we believe they should and should not be doing online, and if necessary sanction them accordingly. However, it is essential that parents do the same. I would strongly urge all parents to regularly check their son's devices, to talk to them about what they are doing online and to even consider whether it is appropriate for certain pieces of technology to be used unaccompanied.

I also want to once again point parents to [our e-safety section on the school's website](#) which provides further details on how to protect your son from the damage that can be found online. In addition to this we would strongly encourage parents to be aware of WhatsApp groups, Snapchat, TikTok, Be Real, Omegle and Monkey.app. This is an area that is forever changing. These apps can contain criminal activity and many have age restrictions which therefore mean that many of our boys should not be using them.

I do understand that a letter like this can be uncomfortable. We live in a society where we do not question the decisions made at home within families and that the freedom of young people is something to be celebrated. There has never been, in my opinion, a greater threat to the next generation than what is accessible online. If you do have any concerns or require any support with your child's e-safety then please do not hesitate to contact your son's Head of House.

Yours faithfully,

David Smith
Headmaster