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Personalised to all Year 7 parents

Dear Parents

We are asking for your co-operation in reinforcing the need to protect your daughter in the safe use of the internet. There has been a serious incident reported to us involving Year 7 girls who have been sharing totally inappropriate material via a social networking site. This, in turn, has led to individuals innocently subscribing to sites where they have been exposed to being contacted by paedophiles.

All social network sites are banned in school, but we are increasingly concerned that their over usage at home is having an adverse effect on girls' well being and learning. We urge you strongly to monitor the use of such sites with particular reference to the pictures and video footage your daughters are posting, along with monitoring usage, security setting and lists of 'friends' that should all be known and approved by you.

The internet is a fantastic resource and very much part of our new world but we must ensure our children remain safe in both the real and the virtual world.

You may be aware that your daughter has already received an extensive e-safety training session which we intend to repeat / extend during the next two years. We are also holding an evening on **Wednesday 29th September 2010**, for all interested parents in an effort to keep you informed about how best to keep your child safe on the internet.

We hope that you will attend this seminar.

If you have any specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Headmistress