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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Online Safety

In light of the current unprecedented situation, we understand that students may spend time on their electronic devices to play games, contact their friends and browse the internet. Many will have access to **video sharing and communication Apps** such as 'Tik tok', Snapchat, What's App, and Instagram to name only a few.

Unfortunately, some users of the internet have motives that could harm young people if they are unaware of the warning signs.

Be curious about the sites that your child is visiting, the Apps that they are using and the games that they are playing. Talk to children about what they should do if they become engaged in an uncomfortable situation online. That is to cut off communication and tell you immediately.

The Safeguarding Team, along with all Heads of Year would like to bring your attention to the potential risks involved in using some of these Apps.

Please visit the Gladesmore Website. Under the 'Safeguarding tab' we have an 'Online Safety' section where you can access guidance on how to monitor your child's use of the above. These will keep you updated, informed and help the young people to stay safe.

Continue to stay safe and well during these uncertain times.

Yours faithfully,

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