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Safeguarding and Internet Safety

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very concerned about a number of children in school whose parents are allowing them play violent video games and use internet sites that are designed for adults and teenagers. The behaviour and attitudes of these children is clearly affected by what they have seen online and the negative values that are being promoted. Children only get one chance at childhood and it is very distressing to see their innocence being eroded.



We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to do this – there is a serious risk that they will make themselves vulnerable by publishing personal information and photos, and they could easily be exposed to unsuitable material and people online.

Instagram is of particular concern at the moment and it has been listed by West Midlands Police as a potential risk to children.

Children at primary school are too young to have responsibility for safeguarding themselves on such sites and **as a caring parent you are perfectly entitled to say No in order to keep your child safe.**

Please use the recommended age-ratings when deciding what is appropriate for your child and do not give in to peer pressure.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Golding
Headteacher

