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Dear Parent/Carer

Social Media

You will all be aware of the continued challenges that the internet and social media present in terms of keeping our children safe. We use the curriculum to regularly educate the students about the potential risks they face, and to give them strategies to help them stay safe. In common with all schools in 2020, we also work regularly with students and families around incidents in which online behaviours and interactions affect the welfare and progress of children in school. You will find lots of supportive and useful information/guidance around online safety on our website under 'Safeguarding Students': <http://www.elycollege.com/safeguarding>

It is sometimes necessary for us to investigate the way that students use social media. This will usually be connected to defamatory, cruel or disrespectful content directed at other students or staff. We will also investigate and take action when the college is brought into disrepute through the use of social media.

We take matters of personal safety very seriously and will continue to work with students and families to try to identify those responsible and remove posts, shut down the accounts and inform the platforms that host this material. We work with a range of providers and liaise with the relevant authorities including the Police and the INTERNET WATCH FOUNDATION to remove images or accounts so that improper practice is challenged. However, as a college we cannot police the internet and we need to call on your continued support as parents and carers.

Please can we encourage you to speak with your child about their use of social media, and look regularly into the sites and platforms they are using. If you have any information relating to matters that involve the college, please inform us via your House office or child's senior tutor.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Mawby
Vice Principal

