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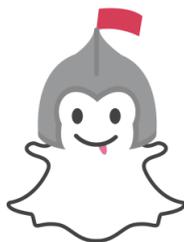
Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to make you aware of an incident in your daughter's year group regarding the sharing of indecent images of children. We are bringing this to your attention so you can follow up the conversations we have had in school about the implications of possessing explicit images and the correct actions that pupils should take if they receive an image of this nature. We are writing to all parents in Year 9 as we understand that a significant number of pupils know about this incident and may have discussed this at home.

In line with the law in England and Wales, creating or sharing explicit images of a child is illegal, even if the person doing it is a child. A young person is breaking the law if they:

- take an explicit photo or video of themselves or a friend
- share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between children of the same age
- possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child, even if the child gave their permission for it to be created.

< My Eyes Only



Move Snaps to My Eyes Only so they're out of the way when you're showing Memories to your friends.

Pupils should immediately report to a parent/carer or a member of staff in school if they receive an explicit image of this nature. Failure to do so can not only lead to the image being shared more widely but also can increase the negative emotional, social and legal implications for all pupils involved.

We would also like to make you aware that some pupils are keeping a number of images on their phones private by using the "For my eyes only" feature on "Snapchat". The setting allows images to be hidden and protected by a passcode.

For more information and support, please see the following websites: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/personal-safety/young-people-students/sexting/sexting-advice-for-parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/sexting>

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We hope that you will support us in reminding your daughter why we have specific school rules regarding the inappropriate use of social media. Where necessary we will sanction pupils within school for their online/social media behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

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