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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have recently been informed of a most concerning report about a link on YouTube Kids which asks children to perform inappropriate acts – ones of a harmful nature. Could I therefore please encourage you to monitor your child's/ children's access to and use of such sites, if they use them, to ensure that they remain safe at all times.

Upon learning of the site and the posting of particular videos, I sought advice from our Safeguarding Officer who informed me of the following actions to take if discovering content of a wholly inappropriate nature for children and which might be detrimental to their personal wellbeing. Despite it being YouTube Kids, there may be videos which look child-friendly but which contain violent or disturbing content; it is difficult for YouTube to catch all of these videos before children see them and therefore, vigilance and checking of children's accessing of sites is of most importance.

To report findings to YouTube Kids, flag any inappropriate videos and comments. Use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check content and decide whether to block or restrict it in line with its community guidelines. On the page with the video or message, tap the 3 dots ('more') icon next to a video or comment. Select 'Report' (this is a flag icon in Android and iPhone and iPad apps).

Thank you for your support and understanding. Whilst the internet is a fantastic resource, it can contain worrying and harmful material which can impact upon children's experiences and thinking in a harmful manner. As a school and within our curriculum teaching and learning, we will continue to reinforce the messages of safe online internet use but with your support too, we can ensure our children's safety. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

S Arnold

Mr S Arnold
Headteacher

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...

