



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: E-Safety Newsletter Module 4

Many thanks to all parents who attended our Online Safety Evening in March.

An app that has been brought to our attention recently is InstaPrank. The following is a description of InstaPrank from Google Play:

‘Create fake chat screenshots that look real! You can design fake conversations with whomever you want.’

This is clearly a tool that if used inappropriately could cause a lot of issues. Children can use this to create internet based conversations with people that never took place which can be used to generate gossip and lend itself to bullying. Please do not ask your child about this app without them mentioning it to you first as we do not want raise awareness of it or arouse curiosity. Sadly, there will probably be other apps created similar to this. If you know of any children using an app similar to this please could you let me know on gsleight@prioryacademies.co.uk

I have mentioned in previous newsletters of apps which allow users to message others anonymously. These apps lend themselves to cyberbullying. A new one that appears to be growing in popularity nationally in ‘tellonme’. Again, please do not mention this to avoid arousing curiosity, but do be inquisitive if your child is using such an app as to why they need it.

We do have some concerns of immature use of social media by some of our students in Year 7. We are addressing this through one to one sessions with the students identified as a concern, assemblies, ICT lessons and work completed during Tutor Time.

Please also be aware of an Instagram user called LFC_z1. A number of pupils at another Academy in Lincolnshire were recently messaged by this user who turned out to be an older person pretending to be a teenager. This account has now been reported but if you hear any students mention this account or that they have been talking to an older person online please inform a member of staff at the Academy as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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