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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had a great summer. For those of you who had a child/children recently join the Academy this is the e-safety newsletter which I send out on a modular basis. E-safety covers a range of online issues such as social media, gaming and cyberbullying. I hope you find these newsletters useful in helping ensure your child uses the internet safely.

Firstly, I am seeking two to three parents/carers to join our Online Safety Group. This currently has representation from staff, students, senior leadership and an academy governor. As a group we communicate by email making each other aware of online safety issues as we learn of them and discuss ways to best deal with them. If you are interested in joining this group please let me know by email on gsleight@prioryacademies.co.uk

At the start of each year I wish to remind parents of the 'SMART' rules for being safe online of which all young people should be aware:

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It is worth revisiting these rules regularly with your child to ensure they remember them. Year 7 will be looking at SMART rules in their ICT lessons in the coming weeks.

Next, a poster informing children about steps to take if they are being bullied online is now being displayed in all of our classrooms. The poster gives the following advice:

1. Block the person;

2. Report the incident to the hosting website/app;

3. If the problem continues then gather screenshot evidence and hand this to an appropriate adult such as a parent or teacher or an appropriate agency such as Childnet. You should also do this if the incident causes you upset or distress.

Following these steps will help to bring any cyberbullying to a stop and deal with the culprits.

Apple have recently released iOS 12, their new operating system for the iPhone and iPads. Apple have stated that this will have lots of new features that make it easier for parents and carers to ensure their child uses these devices safely. For example parents will now be able to limit their child's screen time on an iPhone and limit access to apps to different times of the day. I will write more about how to use these features in my next newsletter once I have explored them myself.

Finally, all our students this year have been asked to sign the Social Media Priory Pledge. I look forward to seeing our students honour this and use social media positively. This can be seen on page 12 of the daybook.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Sleight
E-Safety Lead and Assistant Headteacher