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### Online Safety Instagram and Tik Tok

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to our attention that a child in the local area has had some disturbing images sent to their phone from an unknown source through instagram. The police are aware of this and they are now dealing with this serious issue.

At school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously including their safety while they access the internet, we want this approach to e-safety to spread to the home online environment too and we are therefore sharing with you some tips and resources to help you guide your children and help you keep up to date in a digital world.

Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe on line:

- Think u know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> is always a good place to start – you will see the report abuse button that your child will know about from school.
- Another site that is helpful for parent controls is UK Safer Internet Centre <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers> This site advises you to take four steps:
  1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online
  2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services, eg Facebook privacy settings
  3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
  4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents' Guide to Technology

Please be aware of this if your child does use Instagram or any other social media platform. We would highly recommend that you monitor your child's account before they continue using it. As always, please contact us if you need any support.

Thank you for your continued support,

David Hickey (Head of School)