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Online Safety and Cyberbully

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

During these difficult Covid times it has become evident that many children are spending more time in front of screens. There are many reasons why this happens, and whilst in itself this is no bad thing, it should always be in moderation and with careful monitoring to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.

However, here at St John's, we have heard of several incidents where online activity amongst the children is leading to cyberbullying behaviour. There has been occasions where children have unkindly, and purposely, blocked others from an online game or social event, or have "kicked" them off the site. It should be important to remember that a positive digital citizen is a person who is polite and friendly to others whenever they are online communicating to others. This is an essential viewpoint encouraged at St Johns and is expected of all the pupils to consider whether it is in the "real" world or the online "digital" world.

Please could all families find the time to remind their children of appropriate behaviour and attitudes when they are with others online. Additionally, please continue to carefully monitor your child's activity online so that they remain safe and maintain positive online interactions with others.

If we work to together, we will be able to eradicate cyberbully through caring, informative educational guidance, and make all the children at St John's the best they can be.

Kind regards, Mr Dunne (Online Safety Lead)



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