



Tuesday 6 February

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

The Police are concerned about the number of young people that are choosing to participate in the sending/sharing and requesting of inappropriate images. As parents/ carers/guardians, you play a significant role in ensuring that your child/ren spend their time online safely.

Police School Liaison Officers are attending school week commencing 11th March to deliver assemblies to all year groups around the dangers and the consequences of sending/sharing and requesting inappropriate images. We have delivered these assemblies across other schools in York as this is an issue for young people across the whole city and indeed nationally.

Please can you reinforce with your child/ren the criminal consequences and the future implications.

Criminal Offences:

- Sending/sharing or requesting an inappropriate image: this could be an image of themselves or others.
- The storing of an inappropriate image on their phone/device: if they get sent an inappropriate image and it is on their phone, they could be committing a criminal offence.
- Requesting someone to send them inappropriate images.

Future Implications:

- Arrest resulting in a criminal record.
- Restrictions on future education and employment
- Restrictions on travel abroad: certain countries will not allow you to enter with a criminal record.

Please can we encourage you to regularly view and monitor your child's mobile phone and social media accounts, and if there are concerns, please speak to the appropriate staff in school.

Regards

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