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E Safety and Parent Controls

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Dear Parents / Carers

Schools have been asked by Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (LSCP) to share the following with parents/carers.

There has been another round of highly inappropriate horror-based content on various social media platforms, and no doubt there will continue to be periodically. The LSCP is looking at a focus on parental control over the Christmas period.

It is important that children and young people feel confident in disclosing to adults when they see or experience something which upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable – whether that is to talk to a trusted teacher, family member or through Childline or Kooth – and that they do not feel worried that the app will just be taken away from them.

Please can you as parents/ carers be mindful that this sort of thing exists and to always be available to talk about it with your child, to reassure them and to always discuss when they feel uncomfortable online.

Please take some time to view the support material below on parental controls for apps such as YouTube, Netflix, Xbox, PlayStation and a variety of other popular services presented by Internet Matters and also a reminder that TikTok has recently updated their parental controls so parents/carers can have more control over what their children are doing online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54974813> - news article on parental control updated by TikTok from last week

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en&appLaunch=web> – this has info on how to 'pair' and account (to allow monitoring)

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> - offers whole school community approaches to online safety by providing training and resources for teachers, parents and children across the world. There is also a Facebook group 'National Online Safety' which offers tips and support on various games and social media platforms to support parents in keeping their children safe.

Kind Regards

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IT and E Safety Lead