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Dear Parent/Guardian

Yesterday a number of pupils disclosed to a member of staff in a local school that they had been befriended by an unknown male on 'Facebook messenger'. The children have received explicit images and videos of an inappropriate sexual nature, along with messages that have made them feel very uncomfortable.

Following investigations by the school, it has been discovered that pupils that attend schools within the local area have also been bombarded with messages from this person. Some of the children spoken to have accepted this person as a 'friend' and have not told you as parents. The school have informed the local police and they are investigating this issue with the Child Exploitation On line Protection Service (CEOPS).

The clear advice given to school by the local police and the local authority safeguarding officer is that all parents MUST check their son/daughter's internet enabled devices, e.g. phones, tablets, iPod, games consoles etc. Please check all social media accounts with your children to ensure that all people identified as 'friends' are people they have met in person and not friends of friends. Any other contacts should be deleted.

The Facebook account we have been made aware of is 'LAMIN LIMO'. It is likely that this person has a number of aliases. We are also aware from other pupils that other accounts such as 'Charlie D', on the 'OOVO' site have engaged in similar behaviour and pose a similar risk to your children. I must stress that this is only two of potentially thousands of individual sites that are operated by persons whom are a risk to children, the most important message to get across to your children is NOT to accept friendship requests from anyone they do not actually know.

If any pupils are concerned or upset, by this information, or any similar issue, please contact the school to access appropriate support. We are also looking to engage all parents early in the autumn term, in training about the use of social media sites and how you can ensure your son/daughter's safety on line.

All pupils are constantly reminded in school of the importance of internet safety, including specific lessons in PSE, ICT and with visiting speakers. Therefore it is concerning that this has happened and we need your support in ensuring the children are kept safe.

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This is not and will not be an isolated incident, it will undoubtedly happen again therefore it is important that your son/daughter contacts via social media are monitored closely and frequently by you.

Yours sincerely



Miss H. Jones
Lead Safeguard Officer

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