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Dear Parents/Carers

Digital filter and monitoring technology can play a vital role in helping schools and colleges to adopt a whole school approach to safeguarding. It helps to facilitate the safest space possible for students to learn and thrive.

At St Cuthbert Mayne School our Governors have a legal obligation to ensure that digital monitoring technology is up to date and that the infrastructure is in place for the Safeguarding Team to be alerted to risks both on and offline.

As we know some risks can be out of sight of parents/carers, the Safeguarding Team and school staff, especially those risks online. When a student becomes vulnerable online there can be clues that parents/carers can spot such as changes in mood, sudden deterioration in their motivation and engagement in previously enjoyed activities, to name a few. However, the effects of the digital world on young people can sometimes have a devastating impact on both their mental health/well-being as well as on their relationships with peers and family. Effective digital monitoring plays a vital role in identifying and managing a young person's exposure to these 'hidden' risks.

We have recently been reviewing our monitoring systems and have purchased an improved package which will help us to spot such risks before they escalate, it will help us to detect problems, and be in a position to support many more students from potential harm, including those who had not previously been shown to be at risk.

This new enhanced level of monitoring support will create a safety net for parents and parents who may be unable to see what their child is experiencing online which might be harmful to them.

The school website is regularly updated with information to support parents in keeping their children safe in a digital environment, please do look at the safeguarding section/keeping safe online/parents & carers for further information.

There are also a number of other websites where parents/carers can access information relating to this topic:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Yours sincerely,



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