

**MESSAGE FROM MISS O'NEILL - SAFEGUARDING LEAD.**

**CONSENSUAL AND NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING OF NUDES AND SEMI-NUDES.**

**PLEASE TALK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR CHILD.**

Please can I remind all pupils about the importance of being careful about what you share with people on social media.

It is important you do not let anyone pressure you into sending them inappropriate pictures or videos of yourself. If you are asked to send inappropriate pictures or videos it is fine to say no. If you say no and they keep pestering you, please talk to an adult you trust about this.

Please remember that once you send a picture or video it is out of your control and could then be sent on to anyone. Some young people believe it is safe to send inappropriate pictures and videos on sites where things disappear after they have been seen. Unfortunately, this is not the case, as people can be very sneaky and often have a second phone that captures everything you have sent.

Once someone else has an inappropriate picture or video of you, they can pass it on to anyone they want to, at any time. This often happens following a falling out.

So, if it is a picture or video that you would not want your Grandparents or Teachers to see then don't send it.

Also please remember it is against the law to send and receive inappropriate pictures or videos.

If you send inappropriate pictures or videos, you could be charged with distributing child pornography (even if you are a child and it is of you!) If you receive inappropriate pictures or videos and keep them on your phone you can be charged with receiving child pornography (again even if you are a child!) If you then forward the inappropriate pictures or videos, you can then be charged with both receiving and distributing child pornography.

In addition to the above please be aware that the police have informed me of occasions where someone has been in contact with pupils from Diss High School, pretending to be a young person. They have then sent them an inappropriate video. They then try to befriend the person and ask for a video in return. Once that video is sent, they then try to blackmail the person saying if they don't send them money, they will post the inappropriate video.

I have had to deal with many incidents where inappropriate pictures or videos have been distributed and it can all get very upsetting for the people involved. Please don't put yourself in that position and only send pictures and videos that you would be happy for ANYONE to see.

Thank you and keep yourself safe.

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