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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Urgent – Sharing of Indecent Images of a Minor

It has been brought to our attention that an indecent image of a teenager has been circulated amongst some members of the school community. The police have been in school this morning and have confiscated three mobile devices in order to investigate this matter further. The police have asked us to remind parents/carers that the circulation of any indecent images is a criminal offence. Can we urge you to discuss this with your child tonight as a matter of urgency, so they understand the severity of the situation. Please check your child's mobile devices and if they have any such images downloaded, they must delete these immediately. If the school suspects any student of engaging in the sharing, downloading or retaining of images such as these, their phones will be confiscated by the school and given to the police. The police will then investigate the matter further as they have the technology to be able to identify where the images were generated and the digital footprint they have left. Please be advised that any student found to be deliberately circulating pornographic images will be at risk of permanent exclusion.

The school has recently sourced external providers to deliver PSHE sessions on the consequences of creating and sharing indecent images. We will be working closely with the local police to follow this up with additional sessions. This is essential to ensure our students are fully educated on this matter, giving them all the key information that can empower them to make good choices so they know that they can come and speak to us if they are worried about something.

Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

