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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: E-Safety – Harmful Websites

Recently there has been a small number of concerns raised within the wider community regarding websites pupils are accessing on their personal devices. These include 'Kiwifarms.net' and 'Blue Whale Challenge'. Both websites contain content that is not appropriate and potentially significantly harmful.

Blue Whale Challenge involves the user in completing a number of challenges which overtime become more serious and can cause the person serious physical and mental harm.

Kiwi Farms is a website with forums (and feeds on Twitter and Tumblr) that specialises in harassing people they perceive as being 'mentally ill' or 'sexually deviant' in some way. These people are referred to as 'lolcows'. As a community they together continuously target and troll a specific person.

As a school we promote the appropriate use of the internet and social networking sites and deem these two sites to go against that positive message. Also, the website addresses for both of these sites appears innocent and harmless. Therefore, you may be aware your child is accessing these sites but unaware of their content. I have no doubts that there will be other website with similar names and content.

Acknowledging this I would kindly request that you remain hypervigilant when monitoring and supporting your child as they access the internet. Where possible talk through the website and/or programmes they are accessing to ensure the content within is appropriate for their age.

Should you discover your child has been accessing the above website, or one of a similar nature, please contact the school. Where possible we will work with you to ensure all key e-safety messages are shared and understood.

Yours sincerely

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