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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: E.Safety Update – Trolling

As outlined in our E-Safety policy and as an essential commitment to Safeguarding we write to you today with essential information regarding your child’s online safety.

This information is taken directly from the National Online Safety website, which has a wealth of useful resources and can help to keep parents and carers up to date with the latest online risks. Please visit: www.nationalonlinesafety.com

National Online Safety

What is 'Trolling'?

'Trolling' is a form of internet slang. A 'troll' is described as somebody who deliberately posts negative or offensive comments online against others. A troll will ultimately post something offensive to provoke an individual for a reaction. Trolls use social media accounts to post their opinions which may be anything from racial, homophobic or sexist hate. The motive maybe that they wish to showcase an opinion, or generate humour, however the pragmatics of what they post could be much more damaging. Trolling can lead to devastating consequences for some victims.

Where does 'Trolling' occur?

Trolling can happen to anyone, at any time when using the Internet. Trolls tend to target people they don't know, for example, celebrities, in order to try and provoke a reaction from their fan base. It's important to recognise that 'trolling' can occur on any online platform where communication is possible. Social media is the most common platform for trolling, due to its accessibility and ease of sharing posts.

What is the law?

In October 2016, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) introduced new laws that could see those who create 'derogatory hashtags' or post 'humiliating' photoshopped images jailed. They also announced the launch of a hate crime consultation, issuing a series of public policy statements centred on combating crimes against disabled people, as well as racial, religious, homophobic and transphobic hate crime.

Trolling offences include:

- Communications sent via social media
- Cyber bullying
- Virtual mobbing
- Disclosing private sexual images without consent
- Coercion and control
- Cyber stalking and harassment

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Many thanks for your continued support in this matter, should you have any queries, questions or concerns please do come and speak with us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Pilkington
Deputy Headteacher