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Dear Parents and Carers

Safe use of the internet on school devices

As part of our commitment to student safety and well-being we have had new software installed on our internet network. The software, by the company Smoothwall, monitors student activity on all computers, laptops or Chromebooks in school.

Our school filtering system – provided by the London Grid for Learning - already guards against harmful or offensive content; however monitoring software enables us to be made aware of any student searches or internet activity that may be unsafe or breach our school Inclusion and Relationships policy.

A weekly report will be sent to school and this will alert us to any student who may be using school computers in ways that are either harmful, offensive or extremist. Please be aware that this does not include students' mobile phones as they are not on our network and cannot be monitored – we advise that parents and carers put their own safeguards in place to support safe phone use. **Please also note that students in years 7 -11 should not use their phones in school at any time.**

Students will be informed of our new monitoring procedure in school but you may want to discuss this with your daughter as well. Smoothwall also provides parents and carers with an online safety hub that will be installed on our school website when it is completed in the coming weeks. This hub will provide useful information and guidance to help you support your daughter's safe internet use.

If you have any questions about this or any other safeguarding matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Scott

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