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Dear Parents,

Firstly, it has been lovely to see so many of you over the last week at school, you have all made me very welcome to the St John Fisher community.

This week, I have been in Years 4, 5 and 6 to talk to the children about e-safety. Some of the conversations we had were about keeping ourselves safe online, particularly with regards to some of the apps that your children are your using. May I take this opportunity to praise the children on how honest and sensible they were talking about this subject. We spoke about the legal age range of lots of these apps which the children are using, most of which are **13 or older**. We also looked at how to make accounts safer by making these private, allowing family friendly content only and making our passwords more secure to avoid unauthorised use of their accounts. I have also included some links to Internet Matters, a useful website, which can help you understand the apps from a parent's perspective and the reported dangers in using these applications. The following appear to be the most widely used by your children.

<u>Tik Tok safety advice for parents</u> <u>Snapchat safety advice for parents</u> <u>Instagram safety advice for parents</u> <u>Whatsapp safety advice for parents</u> <u>Houseparty safety advice for parents</u>

At St John Fisher, we don't accept bullying of any form, including cyberbullying. Children have been reminded on what to do if they experience any incidents of cyber bullying. We would appreciate your support in reminding children of this.

Best wishes, Mr Ratcliffe



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