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Dear Parents / Carers

This week Year 6 had a visit from our Police Community Support Officer Wayne. PCSO Wayne came in to talk to the year 6 children about a number of issues they may face as they prepare for their move to secondary school with a specific focus on cyber bullying.

During the talk, Wayne asked the children to raise their hand if they were on different forms of social media or messaging apps. The vast majority of children were on a number of these platforms. He then made it clear that the recommended age for most of these platforms was 13, as this is the age where it is felt children are mature enough to deal with these platforms. He made it very clear that no one would be in trouble for using these platforms but that they must learn to use them appropriately and that their parents should know what they are using and supervise their use.

The children were quite vocal about how parents are aware of what they have access to and that they were often supervised.

PCSO Wayne also talked about what was classed as cyber bullying and how some incidents could become very serious and may involve the police. He asked the children to raise their hand if they felt they had been cyber bullied or had witnessed it and again the majority of the class raised their hand. We have had a number of incidents reported to us recently about inappropriate language, nasty names and threats being made over messaging platforms and on on-line gaming sites. Some of these incidents online have spilled over into school. We ask that all parents be vigilant with their children's use of these apps and games and that they speak to their children regularly about what they are experiencing online. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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