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Dear Parent/Carer

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Broom Barns Primary School and we are constantly educating our children about the importance of using the internet safely. Our curriculum empowers them to understand and be aware of how they can stay safe and behave appropriately online but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you.

Increasingly we are seeing problems brought into school which are generally caused by children having access to mobile phones and sending unkind messages to one another. It has also come to our attention that a number of our pupils are subscribing to Tik Tok and are uploading photos and videos onto their accounts. We understand that we do not control what the children access at home but we urge you to be extra vigilant of your child's use of social media, in its many different and ever growing forms, in order to keep them safe. Additional information about Whatsapp, Snapchat and Tik Tok are attached to this letter.

Although we cannot govern matters occurring out of school hours which is **parental responsibility**, we will take action (such as reporting under age profiles) if a problem comes to our attention that involves the safety or wellbeing of any of our pupils.

If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Some useful information and links to support you

NSPCC online safety guidance for parents: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

How to set internet controls on popular devices: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

App minimum age guide: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

Advice about monitoring apps: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>

Guide to different apps explaining what they are and how they can be used: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>