



6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support so far this academic year, it is without doubt due to your efforts that your child has settled so well into secondary school life despite the current restrictions the COVID-19 pandemic has imposed upon us.

It has been brought to our attention, by a small number of parents, that there has been some instances of inappropriate and bullying type behaviour both on social media platforms and in person by a minority of our Year 7 students. Whilst, within the Academy, we are able to deal with these situations by offering a balance of advice, guidance and sanctions, we need your support to ensure a swift resolution to any instances of these types of behaviours when they occur outside of school. Where appropriate any incident of malice or inappropriate behaviour outside of the Academy or on social media should be reported to the police.

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/safety-in-your-community/ssct>

Bearing this in mind, could we please ask that you speak with your child about being the best version of themselves and to not get involved in any unsavoury group chats on social media. Please report any instances of unkindness immediately to your child's Head of House or Tutor. It would also be good practice to check your child's electronic devices too. It can be frustrating if you feel that your child is at the receiving end of these behaviours, however, it is never right for you to use social media platforms such as 'Facebook' to discuss opinions of other people's children or vent thoughts of the Academy's actions.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your support, working together we will ensure the best outcomes for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

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**Director of Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

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