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Dear Families,

I am writing to you today to address a sensitive but important issue regarding online safety and the well-being of our learners. We are aware that many of our young people may have been exposed to disturbing and graphic content on social media platforms following the assassination that took place in America yesterday. Videos related to this event have been widely and virally shared, and we want to ensure that our school community is prepared to navigate this difficult content.

The viral nature of these videos highlights a critical challenge of the digital age: how quickly and widely explicit or traumatic material can spread. While we are committed to teaching online safety and digital citizenship as part of our curriculum, we know that the most effective approach is a partnership between the school and the home.

You will be aware that learners do not have access to their phones whilst in school, and use of our iPads is heavily restricted and monitored, as we fully appreciate the dangers of the online world. To reinforce this, we urge you to have an open and honest conversation with your children about what they may have seen online. It is crucial to check in on their mental and emotional well-being and to remind them of the importance of responsible online behaviour. This includes not sharing, liking, or commenting on such videos, as doing so contributes to their spread and can be deeply unsettling for others. We ask that everyone reviews and sets strong privacy settings on all social media and gaming accounts that your children use. Furthermore, as we do within our curriculum, please encourage your child to question the information they see online and to consider the source before believing or sharing it.

At the same time, this incident highlights the polarisation of society that is ongoing. Cultural and social issues such as immigration, the cost of living, LGBTQ+ rights, climate change and many others are becoming weaponised online. It is important that we have balanced conversations about these issues with our children and watch out for signs that they might be being indoctrinated.

Our priority is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for every child, and that extends to their digital lives. We are here to support you and your child. If your child is struggling with something they have seen online, or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We have resources available to help.

Thank you for your partnership with us in keeping your children safe, both in and out of school.

Best wishes,

Mr D Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead