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Dear Parent or Carer

Please find attached a very helpful and BRAND NEW resource sheet for Parents and Carers regarding Cyber-bullying.

Cyber-bullying is an extremely worrying trend as you know from previous strong messages sent by the school in the past two years. I have recently sought police guidance regarding a message left on 2 mobile phones - this message generated from the peer group. I do believe the perpetrator -s are a very tiny proportion of Dore pupils BUT as often happens, others get drawn in or are bystanders because they are linked or in a network ring. It is ESSENTIAL that your children inform you if they are on the receiving end of such messages or are aware of the misery of a friend who is being bullied in this way. Whilst some consider this 'just fun' or 'everybody does it' the VAST majority of our parents wish to see this behaviour STOPPED as the staff and governors do. I strongly believe virtually every child wishes unpleasant behaviour to STOP!

It is important that all parents are aware of the possibilities of this kind of bullying so that good social media or INTERNET habits are formed and guided from F2 onwards with OPEN DIALOGUE and transparency with the use of the INTERNET and phones.

We do follow up in school if we are made aware of incidents so please inform staff if your child is aware of a problem. Check out ESafety on our website too.

Children this anti-bullying week have also been focusing on taking care of each other and raising awareness of bullying issues for those with disabilities or special needs. Look out for children's work displayed around the school soon.

Warm regards

Sue Hopkinson - Headteacher

