

Dear Parents

As a school we are looking forward to having our annual E-Safety Week beginning 4th February where the focus in classes will be on how to stay safe when online and what children can do if they are worried about anything they see online. We look forward to working together with you to continue keeping the children of Ellacombe safe online.

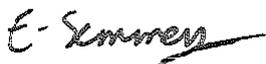
We have had information shared with us by Torbay safeguarding teams regarding some current concerns regarding social media in the Torquay area, some secondary schools have been sharing this information this week. There have been individuals posing online as young boys, attempting to contact young girls in the local area and share inappropriate images. Please could we remind you to be vigilant about the content children are accessing online and if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to the safeguarding/family support team who can offer advice and support.

The Police have shared information with schools and confirmed that they are currently investigating a number of images being sent over Instagram to young people. Parents are asked to screenshot the messages received and in particular the address and user name used by the sender. If you are concerned, please don't hesitate to contact the police. To report as a crime, parents should **ring 101 and quote log 391 of 22nd January** which has been specifically set up to receive these reports.

If you have any E-safety concerns please come and speak to the family support/safeguarding team or use the online report form on the CEOP(this is the part of the Police who deal with e-safety) website <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>. The Family Support Team will be able to give you further details if you would like or have any particular concerns. You can also check that any account's your family has uses settings which are all private and "geotagging" is off so that your location is not shared with strangers.

Thank you for your continued support and parent partnership working together for the good of our children and community.

Yours sincerely



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