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### E-safety Newsletter End of Spring term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you haven't already watched the drama 'Adolescence' on Netflix yet, you will probably have heard about it on recent media reports.

It tackles a host of challenges that both schools and young people are navigating today, including how language is evolving in the digital world.

# **Introducing the Digital Dictionary**

We are pleased to provide you with access to a digital dictionary (attached), designed to help you understand the language your child might be using or encountering online. In today's digital age, language is constantly evolving, and it can be challenging to keep up with the latest trends and terminologies.

# Why Use the Digital Dictionary?

- **Stay Informed**: This resource will give you a better idea of what your child is talking about and the things they're seeing online.
- **Understand Their World**: While your child might not be using all or any of this language, having this knowledge can help foster better communication and understanding.
- **Regular Updates**: The digital dictionary is provided by The Key and will be updated regularly to ensure you have the most current information at your fingertips.

#### **Next Steps**

- Access the Dictionary attached: You'll find a comprehensive list of terms and their meanings.
- **Feedback and Updates**: We welcome any feedback you have on the dictionary. Please let us know if there are terms you think should be included or if you have any questions.
- **Stay Engaged**: We encourage you to discuss any new terms with your child, which can be a great way to engage with them about their online experiences.

I know that considering these risks can feel very worrying, but by staying informed and alert to the current trends and their possible dangers, we remain in the best possible position to support our children and keep them safe.

As always, if you have any concerns that you would like to receive advice for, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

I hope that you and your children have a very happy and safe Easter!

# Yours sincerely

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