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Dear Parents,

You will be well aware, I'm sure, that the media has been reporting a significant national rise in so-called 'sextortion' crimes against children and young people. This is where criminals utilise AI technology to transpose innocent images of children into sexually explicit photographs and videos. These are then used to blackmail the innocent victim, their families and in some recent cases, schools.

We're trying to embrace new AI technologies and the wealth of advantages it brings for our children; it will become a fundamental part of their lives in the future and is already woven into many parts of ours either knowingly or unwittingly. Our Robyn robot is a good example of us making a conscious and thoughtful addition to our school which brings many benefits to our children.

We are aware that not everyone uses it responsibly and safeguarding has to come first and foremost to enable us to protect our children as best we possibly can from harm.

In a recent incident, UK police blocked the distribution of sexual images of children that had been sourced from a secondary school's website and altered using AI tools. The blackmailers had sent the criminal imagery to the school with the threat to share more widely if the school did not pay them money.

This is now a very real threat we cannot ignore. To protect our children, we are in the process of removing all images from our website that include children's faces which are front facing or, where they can easily be identified from side on images. We will continue to record events and learning on our website and in the newsletter but images will be of the backs of children, side on views which would make it hard to alter their image or photos of their work and resources. If we have images we wish to share with you that may identify a child or allow for them to be altered via AI, we will post them on your child's profile on dojo. Going forwards, we will also not post front facing or identifiable images on our social media platforms.

I always think that a school website or newsletter should not be about a building or resources but you should be able to see the joy that experiences in school bring children however, like you, we will always put the children's safety first and this is something we can actively make a choice about to raise safety.

We know staff and parents will become increasingly creative in finding ways to share the children's proudest moments without putting them at risk from these criminals who take every opportunity to exploit children.

Thank you for your support as we navigate this fast growing threat.

Kind regards,



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Head teacher

