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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few years there has been a significant rise in reports to Northumbria Police in relation to cyber-enabled child abuse and bullying. This includes malicious communications and sharing indecent images ('nudes' and 'sexting'). As a result, Northumbria Police has placed a significant amount of effort into trying to combat this form of abuse and bullying including raising awareness in the community and working with schools.

Northumbria Police has asked schools to forward the attached letter and poster to all parents/carers. The letter contains a link to a video highlighting an example of someone who experienced sharing an indecent image and the consequences of doing so. The poster contains sources of support that children and parents/carers can access in relation to keeping safe online.

Through our Personal Development curriculum our pupils develop their understanding of how to keep themselves safe online and they develop an awareness of issues in relation to cyber-enabled abuse and bullying, malicious communications and sharing indecent images - including how to access support services. Northumbria Police has also completed a presentation to each year group in school across this half term focused on malicious and indecent images and how to keep yourself safe online.

Best wishes,

Mr R Goodman
Deputy Headteacher

