

Dear Parents and Carers,

A slightly shorter home news this week. School welcomed back pupils for the start of the Spring term on Wednesday. Pupils shared with me their time away from school, the gifts they received over the Christmas period, including new pets! and how much they were looking forward to meeting their friends and the class team again.

### **Safeguarding**

Towards the end of December, I wrote to share with you some aspects of Safeguarding arrangements in school. Safeguarding young people takes many forms. For example, pupils access lessons in how to keep themselves safe and what action to take if they feel unsafe including online. School has systems in place to monitor pupil activity when they access computers. We also have software that displays the screens of computers on a single screen that is monitored by staff in the classroom.

Partnership working with parents also makes an important contribution to Safeguarding pupils online. To that end regular e-safe information for families is now being sent with my home newsletter. The importance of the role of the family in monitoring and supervising internet and social media activity of children at home has been highlighted recently. Information has been shared with school by concerned parents regarding the social media platform '**Discord**'. I would like to thank families for their support in sharing with school their concerns so that we can follow up to make sure pupils gets the support and advice they need to keep them safe. The last e-safe information sheet sent did focus on 'Discord'. Taking into account the recent issues presented to school, I am resending this information sheet.

It is extremely difficult to manage 'off site' internet and social media activity when a pupil is not in school. Unfortunately, we then have to manage the fall out in school. Partnership working between school and families, therefore is critical to keeping pupils safe.

Yours sincerely,

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