



The HENRY BEAUFORT School

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Dear Parents

URGENT MESSAGE – Safeguarding Matter

You may have seen the recent report on the Southern TV news regarding this social media incident. We have received the following information from the police who have requested that it is communicated to parents. The school uses tutor time and Personal Development days in order to discuss the dangers of social media with our students but in light of these events you may also wish to log onto the school website [parent support] for links to sites that will give you further information on keeping your child safe.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hearle
Headteacher

This urgent message is being circulated at the request of police for sharing today through communication methods determined by schools, as appropriate to their students and age range.

You may be aware of an explicit video involving a teenager and a child which has been shared far and wide on social media.

There is a police investigation into this matter which is ongoing and those people seen in the video are being supported by specialist police officers. A man has been arrested in connection with this investigation.

If you receive this video on Snapchat, via DM on Instagram, on Whatsapp or via any other social media, you should delete it immediately and tell a trusted adult – a teacher or your parents for example.

It's really important that you understand that if you show this video to someone else or forward it on to other people, you could be committing a crime and we want to stop that happening. If you are worried about this, please talk to a trusted adult. You won't be in trouble if you have made a genuine mistake.

If you know anything about this video or how it came to be shared, please speak to a trusted adult as this information could be important in the police investigation.

If you don't feel comfortable speaking to anyone in person, you can call the police on 101 to report something or for additional guidance and support, you can call ChildLine on 0800 1111.

Further information on keeping your child safe can be found at the:

Thinkuknow website - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> - which is run by the CEOP command of the National Crime Agency. CEOP works with police forces nationally to pursue and prosecute child sex offenders.