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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the Christmas holidays upon us, many of us are likely to be spending some time accessing music, films and online content. I would ask you all to keep in mind the possibility of exposure of our children to inappropriate content online and through music and this content being brought into the school environment.

In today's digital age, children have unprecedented access to information and entertainment. While this offers many benefits, it also presents significant risks. We are seeing an alarming rise in the availability of songs with explicit lyrics, often promoting violence, misogyny, and drug use. Similarly, online platforms can expose children to harmful and inappropriate content. These experiences can have a profound and negative impact on our children's emotional, social, and cognitive development.

At Oaklands Junior School, we prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our children. We strive to create a safe and supportive learning environment where children can thrive.

To help mitigate these risks, we encourage you to:

- **Openly discuss online safety with your children.** Talk to them about what they are accessing online, the dangers they may encounter, and the importance of critical thinking.
- **Monitor your child's online activity.** Be aware of the websites they visit, the apps they use, and the content they are exposed to.
- **Use parental controls.** Utilize the settings on your devices and internet service to restrict access to inappropriate content.
- **Be mindful of the music your children listen to.** Discuss the lyrics of songs with your children and help them understand the messages they convey.
- **Lead by example.** Model responsible online behaviour and demonstrate healthy media consumption habits.

We understand that navigating the digital world can be challenging. We encourage you to reach out to the school if you have any concerns or if you would like further guidance on online safety.

We are committed to working together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr D Holland'.

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