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Dear Parent or Carer

As you know technology is becoming an increasing part of children's daily lives. It is also advancing at an incredible pace. Whilst this advance in technology can be harnessed and embraced, there are some aspects that can be difficult to manage and can have negative effects.

It was brought to our attention that some children are using a new mobile application (app) called **Sarahah**. This is a new messaging service that is gaining popularity quickly. Whilst it is still unclear of its full specifications and intended uses, it is clear that when sending messages to others, the sender is anonymous. No one will know who posted the message.

I am sure you will agree that this poses a risk. Anonymous cyberbullying is made possible and it seems that anyone who has access to this app can access these messages from around the world. This opens the possibility of even greater risk.

As a school we educate all students in lessons and assemblies on cyber safety. We have already dealt with an issue in school relating to this app and as a result, feel it is necessary to inform you of the dangers and risks. Our advice is to delete the app should your child have it on their phone.

For further advice you can:

- Look on our website and find the school's E-safety section in the Parent Zone. This has links to useful websites and documents for your information.
- Speak to your mobile telephone network for advice on blocking/monitoring your child's phone use.
- Change passwords to all accounts regularly and never give your account details to anyone else. If you know someone has your login details for a specific social media platform or other application, change them immediately.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, you can contact the school for advice.

I hope that you find the information in this letter useful and also would like to extend this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Griggs
Assistant Headteacher

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