



# Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It came to our attention on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December that an indecent video had gone viral over the weekend containing minors from another part of the country. As per our safeguarding procedures we referred this, along with numerous other schools, to the NSPCC. The issue is being dealt with by the relevant local police force. Unfortunately it became apparent that many pupils saw this over the weekend through their use of social media via instagram and snapchat.

We held safeguarding assemblies on Monday in relation to this and we have reminded pupils it is a criminal offence to forward / share videos involving indecent images of minors. As parents / guardians please re-inforce this message at home. Salisbury police have also circulated the following message to schools in relation to this matter:

*“recently an extreme sexual image has been circulating on Instagram; if you receive this message, delete it immediately and inform your parents or a teacher – do not store it on your phone or tablet and do not send it on to friends. If you do either you will be committing an offence under Section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 of making or distributing indecent photographs; this offence can carry a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.”*

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the vital importance in carefully monitoring your son / daughter's online activity. We will be holding another e-safety evening for parents in term 3 with the final date TBC.

Yours sincerely

Mr P McHale

Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead