

Monday 13th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been made aware of a number of concerning issues that some of our Cloudside children have been involved in. I would like to clarify and provide reassurance on the situations and make you aware of how you can help support us in school to keep your children safe.

There have been unfounded rumours of a knife being brought into school and the children have exasperated this by discussing this between themselves rather than informing an adult. This has led to the situation escalating unnecessarily. We have investigated this fully and it has been dealt with by staff in school and all the children involved have been spoken to. In addition to this we have invited our local PCSO into school to do an assembly on knife crime and the serious consequence of carrying a knife and the impact this can have not only on the school but also on the local community. Due to the nature of this, the assembly will only be delivered to Year 6 pupils and an adapted version will be delivered to the rest of the school. Please discuss the serious nature of knife crime with your child.

We are also aware that some children are using whatsapp and other social media platforms to be unkind to one another. In recent weeks some of that online activity from home has resulted in the disruption of children's learning and has taken a considerable amount of staff time. Can we remind you that we are unable to resolve issues that are occurring outside of school during school time. Please monitor your child's online activity to ensure it is age appropriate and that they are being respectful towards one another at all times. If you do have any incidents of misuse of social media platforms outside of school hours, please contact the police who will investigate the matter on your behalf.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N McIntyre
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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