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Dear Parents/Guardians

Salisbury Police has circulated a message to schools in relation to an inappropriate video being sent via social media channels such as Instagram and Snapchat involving indecent imagery of children. Whilst the children in the video are not local, some local secondary school students may have seen the video.

Please be re-assured that this issue is being dealt with by the Police. The police have advised that if this message is received it should be deleted immediately and that students should inform their parents or a teacher immediately. The message should not be stored on a phone or a tablet and should not be sent on to friends because this would be 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 ask that you take this opportunity to talk to your son about online safety and the safe use of social media. This NSPCC webpage has information and guidance on how adults can help keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps and games. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Yours sincerely

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