

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson

Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

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Dear All,

A simple message this week:

The internet is an inherently very unsafe place if we don't reliably know who our children are interacting with on-line?

The fact that adults are targeted and unsafe and this week professional footballers are boycotting social media just reinforces that point.

Too many of our children are being subject to a range of disrespect and bullying and abuse on-line at home and most often by other children: the only way to control and make this safe is to make sure our children are not accessible to the bullies and if your child was bullied in the local playground you wouldn't keep sending him there and so it is on the web.

Please reflect on how vigilant you are being in your child's supervision and contact your child's tutor for help and guidance on managing internet access including help accessing on-line training that the school will likely fund unless punitively expensive.

It's very hard to change bullies but we can learn and take practical steps not to be their victims.

Thanks

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