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Dear parents and carers

We are currently experiencing an increase in the number of children arriving at school upset about interactions with other Goollelal students outside of school hours on online platforms. This includes gaming platforms such as Fortnite, as well as on group chat and social media. As you can imagine, when issues occur, these have a large impact on student learning and wellbeing.

Teaching children safe and responsible online behaviour is a shared responsibility between home and school. At Goollelal, we proactively teach students appropriate online behaviours and support any children who arrive at school upset. We also take action against any form of bullying, whether this occurs online or in person.

Parents have a very important role to play. Please closely monitor your child's online behaviour and talk with them about strategies that they can use if a situation makes them feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to meet with their friends face-to-face rather than online. Ensure that your child only uses age-appropriate platforms and consider turning off options such as voice chat. For further tips, see the helpful resources on the website of the [eSafety Commissioner](#).

The online habits that your child develops in primary school will set a pattern that continues throughout their teenage years. I appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your child's online experiences are safe, responsible and positive.

If you are concerned about an online incident, or if we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Fuller | PRINCIPAL

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