Dear Parents

There have recently been a few incidents of boys in Year 4 using inappropriate language whilst in school. I decided to get the boys together to speak to them about this and discuss how it is not right to use this type of language not just in school but outside of it as well and the implications of using such language.

Obviously we are not teaching these types of words at Copthorne so I did ask the boys to write down on a piece of paper where they had heard such words. This was confidential and they also had the option to write 'I don't know'. A number of boys though were honest and wrote down something on their piece of paper.

A trend that came up amongst the answers was the amount of children referring to TV programmes and computer games but the main culprit coming up was Youtube as a source of where they had heard such words.

A couple of quotes that were written down:

"I heard these words and saw some actions from movies and Youtube."

"I heard some rude words on Youtube. I'm not sure of which videos but I know it happened."

There were a number of other responses referencing Youtube. There are a number of measures you can take to protect your children from harmful videos on Youtube. Although I don't think these will filter out absolutely everything I am certain that the vast majority are blocked. The following video shows you how to use Youtube's parental controls and I would urge you to watch it and take necessary actions to prevent your children being exposed to things they shouldn't be.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nf8GTIV4so

We will continue to educate your children on safe internet use and the use of bad and inappropriate language but if we all work together both here at school and at home we can make big strides in preventing such young children hearing and learning things that they shouldn't at their age.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact my or Head Wellbeing, Mrs Lee.

Kind regards

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