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Lána Ráth Éanaigh. Bóthar an Rátha Mhóir, Lusca, Contae Bhaile Atha Cliath.



19th January 2023

Attn: First Year Parent/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our first-Year students have now received a presentation from the local area Gardai as part of the Be-In-Ctrl initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to educate and create awareness of the risks surrounding inappropriate mobile phone/social media use among our young people. Topics covered include:

- Messaging/sharing Images
- Legal implications of distributing intimate images
- Social media
- Online grooming & extortion
- Cyberbullying

Information for parent/guardians on the Be-In-Ctrl Initiative may be found at https://www.webwise.ie/beinctrl/

This is done in support of the Lusk Community College Wellbeing and Anti-Bullying Programmes.

Parent/Guardians will have received a recent text highlighting concerns in relation to inappropriate social media use among students. Concerns remain around the dangers of unsupervised use of the Snapchat App among our younger students. Incidents of cyberbullying, unkind comments, negative behaviours have been at the source of much unhappiness, anxiety and upset. These issues have also been addressed at recent student assemblies. In promoting healthy and responsible phone usage, please continue to monitor your son/daughters' phone, social media use and chat groups.

<u>Please note also:</u> students should not have a mobile phone/personal smart device on the Lusk Community College campus.

Lusk Community College Anti-Bully Policy may found on the school website or by following this link <u>HERE</u>.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Cole

School Roll Number: 76213T Principal: Mr. Pat Cole