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*'walk as children of light'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a very serious 'online' safeguarding situation that I wanted to make you aware of. Many of the children here at Hardwicke have a mobile phone with numerous different 'apps.' It has become apparent that an 'app' called 'Likee' is being used by the children who have uploaded video clips and photographs of themselves in their school uniform. I have been contacted by a charity named 'Cobra' who were able to easily identify that the children who had uploaded videos and photographs, attended Hardwicke school. I was also informed that of the thousands of follows from all over the world that some children have on their 'Likee' account, there are some concerns about the people that are following the children who could potentially exploit them. As a result, the police have been informed and there is now a full investigation.

Parents of those children who have been directly involved have been contacted and informed.

This situation has been taken very seriously by the school and the police. Please talk to your children about being safe on line and ensure that the appropriate filters are on in the home. We will be revisiting how to stay safe online in school however CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> is a very useful and informative website.

If you have any questions, then please contact me at [slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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