



Tameside Metropolitan Borough

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has come to our attention that some children are playing on Xbox's in the evening and using this forum as a means of communication. Whilst we encourage children to adapt to the world and it's changing technologies and promote keeping safe online, we cannot condone the language that is being used on this forum.

Children are coming into school complaining that they are hearing abusive language on this forum and this is then having an impact at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Not only are children being subject to abusive language, there has also been instances of name calling, which has resulted in children becoming extremely upset. Following our behaviour policy, which states that 'all adult members of the community will endeavour to teach desirable social behaviour and good manners to children within their care' please would you be extra vigilant if your child is accessing this platform.

We wish to work together with families to support the changing social platforms, but we cannot tolerate abusive or physical attacks that are coming into school as a result of children accessing this gaming forum, where they can use such language and act inappropriately.

I know it is extremely difficult to keep an eye on these kinds of incidents, but I would urge you to talk to your child to see if they have been subject to such negative language and if so, block those responsible for it.

You can find hints and tips online on how to keep your child safe  
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/4482922/xbox-one-online-safety-and-privacy-settings-for-parents-and-kids>

As this is happening outside of school, we know it is beyond our control. However, when the ramifications enter the school playground we must get involved as we have a duty of care to safeguard our children.

If there are any further incidents, we will be asking parents/carers to collect their children from school, and possibly invite them into a meeting to discuss further possible actions.

Mrs Scattergood