



23 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing with regard to a police warning about Instagram. The college has received this message from Torbay Safeguarding Service:

Police confirm that they are currently investigating a number of reports of indecent images being sent over Instagram to young people.

As well as the usual safeguarding advice, parents are asked to screenshot the messages received and in particular the address and user name used by the sender.

To report as a crime they should ring 101 and quote log 391 of 22nd January which has been specifically set up to receive these reports.

Some of our students have been affected by this so please continue to be vigilant. We have warned students of this danger however a small minority have chosen to ignore our advice and have deliberately sought out this account. They, too, have then received indecent images and video calls.

Please check whether your child uses Instagram and if they are following an account called lokita440. If so, please follow the police guidance above re screenshotting and reporting any messages and then block this account. We would also remind you of the importance of changing all social media account settings to 'private'. Ensure that 'geotagging' is off so that your child's location is not shared with strangers.

Please contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager or Head of Year if you have concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Newton', written in a cursive style.

Alex Newton
Principal