

# TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we have a responsibility to inform you of all risks, including potential risks, for our pupils.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a person on Facebook who goes by “**Josh Robert**”. He is claiming to be a Year 10 student at another local school. He has been sending friend requests and private messages to a number of our students. Investigations have concluded that this person is likely not to be who they say they are, and seems to have malicious intent in making contact with our students. The police have been contacted and made aware of the situation.

In light of the above information we are writing to advise you to discuss this situation with your child/children and check their Facebook friends list for a “**Josh Robert**” along with any other social media accounts.

If you find that your child is friends with or in contact with this person, we advise that you discuss the nature of the contact that your child has had with this person. If you are concerned that the contact is inappropriate then please take screen shots of any messages, contact the local police on 101, and block this individual from your child’s friends list.

We work hard as a school to support our students to understand the importance of online safety, and how to stay safe online. However, as this individual is on a number of mutual friends lists the concern is that this person will appear to pose less of a threat than another stranger. **We strongly encourage you to talk to your child about the risks of accepting friend requests from individuals who they do not know.**

Thank you for your co-operation and should you wish to discuss this matter any further please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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