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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the significant media attention relating to the Netflix show *Adolescence*, Matrix Academy Trust have produced the attached summary to raise awareness of the hidden meaning of certain emojis that are currently being used on social media. We regularly reinforce the importance of keeping safe online and educate pupils during PSHE and through assemblies to ensure that they are aware of the potential risks of social media and the internet.

We encourage all parents and carers to watch *Adolescence* if they are able to, as many have found it impactful and eye-opening. Engaging with this content will help deepen understanding of the challenges young people face, fostering open and informed conversations at home.

Following this, if you have any concerns about your child at all, please contact their Head of House to discuss this further:

- **Austin House: Mr Brennan** – [sbrennan@tgbs.co.uk](mailto:sbrennan@tgbs.co.uk)
- **Boulton House: Mr Stafford** – [dstafford@tgbs.co.uk](mailto:dstafford@tgbs.co.uk)
- **Tolkien House: Mr Kelley** – [jkelly@tgbs.co.uk](mailto:jkelly@tgbs.co.uk)

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



**Mr J Till**  
Headteacher



**Mr T Walker**  
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