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Re: Hacking Alert Notice to Parents/Guardians

There is currently a nasty email doing the rounds which, apart from the content, reveals that the sender knows the recipient's login password. While we are only aware of a small number of affected accounts at present, it is likely there will be more.

This type of activity is common at the moment. Our school O365 security system does not indicate a direct attack, indicating that the password has been compromised somewhere else, either on a device: phone, laptop etc or through the use of the same password for other purposes.

The advice to anyone receiving such an email is as follows: *(you might consider doing this anyway as a matter of good practice under the circumstances)*

- Delete the email from your inbox and recycle bin.
- Change your O365 account password immediately. **DO NOT USE THIS PASSWORD FOR ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS.**
- If this password is used for anything else – change those passwords also.
- Gmail/Hotmail/Outlook etc passwords should also be changed.
- Change passwords used on personal devices – phones/tablets/laptops etc (especially if they have been used for school purposes).
- Best advice – change passwords used for online communications/transactions.

We would ask you to remain vigilant in relation to your own account(s) and password(s).

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