

Thursday 7th January, 2021

RE: Safeguarding Guidance and Information

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to update you on how you can keep your child safe during this latest period of partial school closure.

As ever, if you have any concerns about the welfare and/or safety of any child, please contact us directly at the school (admin@hdhs.school) or alternatively, you or your child can report any concerns to us via the Whisper button at the bottom of our school website. This can be anonymous if you wish.

Similarly, each year team has a member of staff on site every day, available via phone or email for you to contact. In addition, senior members of staff are available daily on site to discuss any concerns you may have about any aspect of your child's welfare or provision.

As we move to a remote provision pupils will spend a lot more time online. The risks of unsafe online behaviour have been taught as part of our PSHEE curriculum. However, in order to help pupils stay safe online, I would advise you to review age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices (especially if your child is using an unfamiliar device) and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

Please click on the following links which are designed to you to keep your child(ren) safe online:

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#), outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice
- guidance on [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings
- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support

- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

If you have any questions or queries, please do contact a member of the safeguarding or year teams.

Yours faithfully,

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