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On-line Safeguarding

Dear Parent/Guardian

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Apps such as TikTok, Discord and Snapchat for example, are extremely popular but risks are posed and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers.

Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our pupils and working together we can make a significant difference. At All Hallows we teach our pupils about keeping safe online through the PD and ICT curriculum, assemblies and tutor time. We spend time discussing stranger danger, online grooming, risk taking behaviour and consequences.

We ask that parents are aware and monitor their child's social media use. This includes encouraging open conversations about people they may meet online. We reinforce with our pupils that not all online friends are who they say they are. We explain that these strangers can be adults pretending to be young people with the intent to sexually or criminally exploit them. We encourage pupils to make a trusted adult aware if they have any concerns.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that social media platforms have age restrictions. Young people that create social media accounts often do so using the wrong date of birth. The social media platform think the young person is older or even an adult, this often leads to them being exposed to inappropriate content due to their incorrect age.

In order to support families to protect our pupils online we recommend that parents access and read the following websites for guidance;

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-grooming/>

<file:///N:/snapchat-checklist.pdf>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

We encourage all parents to contact school if they have any concerns or require further support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Done (Assistant Headteacher)