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Dear Parent

January Safeguarding Update

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year from the safeguarding team and my colleagues at Caister Academy, and hope that you had a restful end to the year. I also hope you found last month's safeguarding update helpful.

Safeguarding Guides

This month our guides focus on the topic of YouTube and YouTube Kids. The YouTube Kids app automatically filters out most inappropriate content. But no automated system is perfect, so it may not catch everything. Videos that look like they are child-friendly can include violent or disturbing content. They might be suggested videos or appear in search results.

This month's fact sheets give helpful steps you can take to keep your child safe whilst using the app.

Domestic Abuse and Violence

Last term we acknowledged domestic violence awareness week with enhanced staff training on the signs of domestic violence, and how to support children and families experiencing this form of abuse. Sadly, two women die each week as a result of domestic abuse and 1 in 3 women, and 1 in 5 men will experience domestic abuse in the UK every year. Norfolk's largest specialist provider of domestic abuse support is Leeway. This local service is a charity offering live chat from this website www.leewayssupport.org and a direct domestic abuse helpline offering free confidential advice on 0300 561 0077. We all hope to never have to make a call to such a charity but given that domestic violence is now statistically common, it is worth making a note or passing these details along to someone who you may feel is in need.

Safeguarding E-Safety Workshops

Miss Amy Vanner who is our E-Safety coordinator is developing some workshops for delivery to students in the new year. One of Miss Vanner's roles is to look at the prevention of serious E-Safety breaches by students, in school or at home. Sometimes these breaches are as a result of misinformation or a lack of understanding on the child's part. In the new year, when a student has been identified as having breached E-Safety rules and needs education around this, one of these educational workshops will be set as the sanction. They will take place for one hour after school and will cover a range of E-Safety topics to ensure your child is safer in the future.


If you are concerned about your child's online safety and would like to nominate them for this education session, please make contact and I will happily invite them once the sessions are up and running.

Finally

As always, please do contact reception and ask for the designated safeguarding lead if you have any issues around your child's safety that you would like to discuss. Please also get in touch if you would like information on a different topic that I have not included in this month's update.

I look forward to writing to you next month on more topical safeguarding issues.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Seath".

Helen Seath
Vice Principal

Attached:

- Parent Guide – Keep your child safe on YouTube
- Parent Guide – Keep your child safe on YouTube Kids