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Dear Parent

Awareness regarding E-Safety

One of the disadvantages of modern technology, is the ease of access that young people potentially have to inappropriate or harmful material. With the development of social media, content sharing and gaming platforms, it is also easy for users to share inappropriate content online.

With this in mind, please could I draw your attention to the Online Safety area of our website - <https://www.caisteracademy.org.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>. Within this section there is advice on a range of online issues that your child may face, and ways to help keep them safe whilst they are at home.

There is also a button for reporting harmful content - <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>, which can be used by parents or students to immediately report any material they come across which is potentially harmful. This can also be reported directly to the school via enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk.

May I also draw your attention to the national age restrictions for the following platforms:

- Facebook – 13 years old for a non-public profile, 18 years old for a full profile.
- Instagram – 13 years old
- Snapchat – 13 years old
- TikTok – 13 years old
- WhatsApp – 16 years old

The following link on our website <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>, provides support for how to be aware of your child's social media use.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send you a factsheet with 10 tips to help your child stay safe online. Our safeguarding team will send you a monthly helpful factsheet from September with information on a range of topics to support you as parents.

Thank you in advance for your support and proactiveness in staying aware and vigilant of the access our young people have to media platforms and the content they are accessing.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Seath".

Miss H Seath
Vice Principal