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Dear Parents/Carers

A number of our secondary students communicate with their friends during evenings and weekends over social media. Students use social media to have fun, make and maintain friendships, share interests, explore identities and develop relationships however, social media can also pose risks.

We cover online safety as part of our IT and PSHCE curriculum and will also deliver bespoke sessions to individuals and small groups as the need arises.

Whilst we can support parents/carers through teaching students how to keep themselves safe, and about appropriate online content/discussions, parents/carers must ensure they monitor their child's online use in order to ensure they are not posting or receiving inappropriate content and that they remain safe in their internet use.

The school website provides a wealth of guidance to support our students to be smart and safe online. Our online safety policy can be found on our website by following this link:

<https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Online-Safety-Policy-September-2021.pdf>

The website includes parent guides for WhatsApp, FaceBook, Instagram and Snapchat. This guidance can be found on the following link:

<http://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/our-school-community/parents-and-carers/online-safety-e-safety/>

We are fully aware that it is a challenge to keep up to date with technological advancement and therefore parents/carers can struggle to ensure their child remains safe online. We will therefore be organising online safety sessions for parents/carers over the next couple of weeks.

Should any parent/carer have specific questions or concerns regarding online safety, please contact our online safety coordinator, Jeremy Edwards.



Kind regards



Adrian Mount
Headteacher

