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Dear Parents and Carers

Safeguarding
Staying safe over the festive period

As we move into the festive season, we would like to remind families of the importance of keeping children safe, both online and in the community. While this time of year can be joyful and relaxing, it can also bring challenges. Our priority is to ensure every student knows how to access support if needed, and that parents and carers feel confident in keeping their child safe.

Staying Safe During the Holidays

During the break, routines change, and young people may spend more time socialising, travelling independently, or using digital devices. Please take a moment to discuss the following with your child:

- Where they are going and who they are with
- How to travel safely, especially when it is dark
- Being aware of their surroundings and avoiding
- risky situations
- Safe use of social media and messaging apps
- Who they can talk to if they feel worried or
- uncomfortable

Small conversations before the holidays can make a big difference.

New Confidential QR Code

We are pleased to share that students can now report any safeguarding concern confidentially using the new QR code reporting system available on the school website. This allows young people to share worries, whether about themselves or someone else, quickly, safely, and discreetly. The system is monitored daily by the safeguarding team during term time.



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Online Safety: Reporting Harmful Content

If your child encounters harmful or upsetting material online, they can use the Report Harmful Content button on our school website. This links directly to national support services who can advise on:

- Harassment
- Impersonation
- Online bullying
- Unwanted sexual content
- Violent or upsetting imagery
- Any content designed to distress or harm

Encourage your child to speak up if something online makes them feel unsure, unsafe, or upset.

New Devices This Christmas?

Parental Controls & Online Safety

Many children receive new phones, tablets, or gaming devices over the festive period. Setting up parental controls early helps create a safer online environment from the start.

For guidance on privacy settings, filters, age appropriate apps, and safety features, please visit: Internet Matters – Parental Controls Advice www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

This site offers quick, step-by-step guides for all major devices and platforms.

Where to Seek Support Over the Festive Period

If you or your child need support outside school hours, the following organisations can help:

- Childline (24/7): 0800 1111 – www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000
- Samaritans (24/7): 116 123 – www.samaritans.org
- Young Minds Crisis Messenger: Text YM to 85258
- Police (non-emergency): 101
- Emergency services: 999

Your wellbeing and your child's safety remain our top priority.

A Final Message

We encourage all parents and carers to maintain open, honest conversations with their children over the festive break. Should you need support at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out. The safeguarding team will resume full support once school reopens, and the QR code system remains available throughout the holiday period for any concerns.

Wishing all families a safe, restful, and enjoyable festive season.

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