

# E-Safety



**1** What is E-Safety?

**2** What is the responsibility of the Parent/Carer?

**3** What support is there for Parents/Carers?

**1**

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within College and in their lives outside College.

The internet and other digital and information technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. Electronic communication helps teachers and students learn from each other. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and increase awareness of context to promote effective learning. Children and young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

**2**

Parents/Carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet / mobile devices in an appropriate way. Research shows that many parents and carers do not fully understand the issues and are less experienced in the use of ICT than their children. The College will therefore take every opportunity to help parents/carers understand these issues through parents' evenings, letters, website, newsletter publications (like this one) and through the College's Facebook page.

Parents and carers will be responsible for:

- Endorsing (by signature) the Student Acceptable Use Policy;
- Taking appropriate action to safeguard their child from online risks;
- Supporting the College's expectations in terms of online safety, appropriateness and behaviour;
- Compliance with the images consent protocol;
- Any content accessed by or sent by devices provided by them as parents.

**3**

Parents & carers can seek further guidance on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

- What are the issues? - UK Safer Internet Centre  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/what-are-the-issues>
- Parent factsheet - Childnet International  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parents-and-carers-resource-sheet/>
- Online Safety Blog- NSPCC  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/>