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Dear Parents/Carers

A number of our 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.

Parents need to be aware of the age restrictions for social media sites. For example, the minimum age of use for WhatsApp, which is a platform widely used by young people, is 16 years old.

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 exposed to harmful interactions or content.

The school website provides a wealth of guidance to support our students to be smart and safe online. 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/>

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>

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 any questions or concerns regarding online safety, please contact our online safety coordinator, Jeremy Edwards.



Kind regards



Adrian Mount  
Headteacher

