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Dear Parent/Carer

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Online Safety

The appropriate use of the Internet and other technologies can extend and enhance learning in previously unattainable ways. However, the use of these new technologies can put young people at risk. As part of our commitment to online education we deliver an Online Safety curriculum through tutor time and PSHE lessons as well as having three assemblies per year dedicated to this theme.

We are writing to inform you about the online safety guidance that we provide for parents. Our website contains regularly updated information from the ParentInfo.org website. ParentInfo is a service from Parent Zone and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) that delivers expert information about young people's wellbeing and resilience. We also have articles and advice on topics such as social media, cyber-bullying, sexting and radicalisation. Please take some time to become familiar with these resources so that you can keep up to date with the latest developments in this area as well as finding out how to best protect your child when they are online
<http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/parents/e-safety>

At our next Academic Review Day on Wednesday 15th November we will be running a short workshop for parents about the use of social media by teenagers in which we will be providing practical advice on how to reduce the risks associated it. If you are interested in coming to this workshop please reply to the letter that has been sent out about Academic Review Day.

If you have a concern about an online safety issue related to your child in school, please contact us <http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/contact>

Yours faithfully,

Phil Snelling



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