

JSL/DSA/Dept Type/Pastoral/E Safety hols

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Dear Parent / Carer

With the summer holidays now upon us and pupils about to enjoy a lot of free time, I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you about the importance of E-Safety and how to keep your children safe online.

The College website has a number of resources you may want to have a look at, accessible through a link called "E-Safety", under 'School information'. Here you can access videos, helpful guides and links to external websites specifically designed to help you as parents to understand how to minimise the risks to children on the internet.

We fully understand that the online world is a fantastic place for young people to interact and communicate but would appreciate your support with reinforcing the following messages to students:

- Never share your personal details with someone you do not know.
- Do not post offensive messages about other people – these can be captured as screenshots and used as evidence against you in police investigations.
- Do not post compromising pictures of yourself or others on the internet – they have a nasty habit of being used against you in the future!

With many young people now owning their own mobile devices, we encourage parents to be mindful of the "apps" or platforms they are using.

Please be aware of free "apps" such as Fortnite, as we know of cases where young people have run up significant costs due to the add-ons that are being promoted within them.

Please do take the opportunity to explore the resources on our website, use the safety features that your Internet Service Provider makes available and ensure that you know what your child is doing online.

Enjoy the summer safely!

Yours sincerely



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