



Online Safety Update – March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's now March and you may be thinking of spring-cleaning...well, why not take this opportunity to have a 'social media spring-clean' too?

If your child uses social media, it's very important to monitor them whilst they use it as children with SEND can be more vulnerable to grooming, believing 'fake news' and sharing personal information for example.

Think about checking:

Are you friends with your child on all their social media. If not, how do you know what they are posting?

Check their posts – are they sharing any personal information?
Check their images – are they appropriate and who could be seeing them?

In terms of your own social media:

- Who can see it when you post information about your child – are you happy with them having that access?
- Your images of your child – what information could you accidentally be sharing (think about images that give away your location, or images with school uniform in them)
- Think about whether you are sharing your location at all times – you might turn on your location settings for one app but then your location continues to be shared. When you're alone or with your children, do you feel comfortable with broadcasting where you are at all times?

For help with this and anything else to do with your child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral team on 0121 569 7080.