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Dear Hadley Phase 1 Parents

## Online Safety Concerns

It has come to our attention that many of our children are accessing websites that allow pop up ads relating to content that is wholly inappropriate for children. We as part of our safeguarding procedures receive a notification of when a child has searched for or clicked to access a site that would be harmful to them. These pop ads appear when children are using illegal streaming sites or the main YouTube app.

If your child is using YouTube can you please ensure it is the child friendly version that they use.

Please see below links to a range of resources that further explain and give tips on how to stay safe online:

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>



UK Safer Internet Centre

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s>



NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>



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## **Tips to help children stay safe on social media:**

- Review the location settings - Remind them, and explain why, they should not share location on posts, or public forums and chats, videos or with people they do not know. Review the location settings on their favourite app or game and talk to them about what they are sharing online.

Sometimes it might be appropriate for your child to share their location with a trusted adult or friend. For example, if they are travelling home alone or arranging to meet a group of friends outside school, then it can be a good way to help keep them safe.

Remember: If children share their location publicly, it could be seen by someone they do not know.

This can increase the risk of cyberbullying, stalking or unwanted contact (from friends or others) or becoming a target.

- Get to know the safety and privacy settings - Explore the safety and privacy settings on any app, to decide which are right to use for your child. Each app has slightly different ways to set up an account, but most have the option to set an account to private, to not allow friend requests, and to hide the user's location. Explain these settings to your child and the reasons for having them in place.
- Age ratings and features - Get to know the age ratings of the apps that your child uses. Many have a minimum age of 13 years old to be able to sign up, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure.

Do not forget that you know your child best, and you might decide that they need to be a little bit older before it is suitable for them.

If you have any concerns you wish to raise directly with the school please contact your child's teacher or Phase Leader.

Yours sincerely,



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