

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School

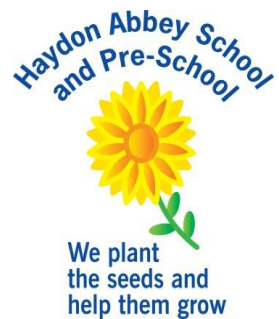
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Online Safety Reminder During School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the school closure, as with any period away from school, we appreciate that many children may spend more time online, whether that is gaming, chatting with friends, watching videos or potentially accessing social media.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of some key online safety messages to help keep children safe:

1. Be aware of age restrictions on apps and social media

Many popular social media platforms, including Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and Facebook, have a minimum age requirement of 13 years old. These age limits are in place to help protect children from content and interactions that may not be suitable for younger users.

2. Know who your child is talking to online

Children should only communicate online with people they know and trust in real life. Remind them never to share personal information such as their full name, address, school, passwords or photographs with people they do not know.

3. Keep devices in family spaces where possible

Using devices in shared family areas can help parents and carers remain aware of what children are accessing online and provide opportunities for conversations about online activity.

4. Encourage children to speak up if something worries them

Remind your child that they can always talk to a trusted adult if they see something upsetting online, receive an unkind message, or are asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Reassure them that they will not get into trouble for telling an adult.

Further information & advice for supporting young people online can be found via the following link [Supporting Young People Online](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children safe both in and out of school.

Kind regards

The Safeguarding Team

