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Safeguarding Newsletter

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to take a moment to share some important safeguarding information to help keep our pupils safe, supported, and well during the break.

Staying Safe Online

There have been several incidents this term related to the misuse of social media outside of our school setting. This has included some of our pupils being part of groups chats inciting violence towards each other and sending hurtful and abusive messages.

Risks can include:

- **Bullying, peer pressure, or targeting individuals**
- **Sharing inappropriate or harmful content**
- **Encouragement of risky or illegal behaviour**
- **Contact from unknown or unsafe individuals**



You can support your child by:

- **Checking in on who they are talking to online**
- **Encouraging them to leave chats that make them feel uncomfortable**
- **Reminding them not to share images, personal details, or location**
- **Reinforcing that they can always come to you if something feels wrong**

Community Safety

During the holidays, young people often spend more time out in the community and with peers, especially in the warmer weather and longer days!

To help keep them safe:

- **Know where your child is, who they are with, and how to contact them**
- **Agree clear boundaries around times, locations, and check-ins**
- **Encourage your child to stay in groups and avoid isolated areas**
- **Make sure they have a charged phone and a way to get home safely**



Risk Awareness in the Community

Please talk openly with your child about potential risks, including:

- **Child exploitation (being approached, offered gifts, money, or substances)**
- **County lines activity and pressure to carry items or money**
- **Substance misuse and unsafe environments**
- **Anti-social behaviour and the consequences of getting involve**

Torbay Support Services

For families in Torbay, the following services can offer help and advice:

Torbay Children's Services (MASH)

☎ 01803 208100

Torbay Early Help Services

Support for families who may need extra help before issues escalate

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

Health and mental health support

Young Devon

Support with wellbeing, housing, and youth services

Devon Domestic Abuse Helpline

☎ 0345 155 1074

Please contact the school if you have any Safeguarding concerns.

Further information can be found on our Brunel School website.

<https://www.brunelschool.org/>



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